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RUGSOCCERULES!



J.U.S.T. winger Joe Palinkas goes past Canberra's full back Danny Moulis (right).



Footscray's Brownlow Medallist Gary Dempsey takes a difficult mark.



Eastern Suburbs' Arthur Beetson (left) wards off a challenge in an Australia v Wales match.

Three codes get together

Soccer, Australian Rules Football and Rugby League will get together for a "festival of football" at the Junction Oval, St. Kilda, on Saturday, March 18.

The program will feature a major league match of each code.

The first, at 10.30 am, is a Victorian Football League game between Fitzroy and Footscray.

Philips League clubs Footscray J.U.S.T. and Marconi will clash at 1 pm.

The final game, at 3 pm, is the Rugby League Craven Mild Cup play-off for third place. The Cup is a yearly competition played in Sydney.

Leading contenders at the moment are Eastern Suburbs, St. George, Parramatta and Manly.

The Festival of Football is the brainchild of the Fitzroy VFL club and is being organised by the club's marketing manager Graham Plumb.

A crowd of between 20,000 and 30,000 is expected. J.U.S.T. will get a guaranteed match fee of more than \$8000.

Graham Plumb told "Soccer Action": "This will be the forerunner of what we hope will be a national promotion."

"We expect to expand into Sydney next year and hopefully into Brisbane."

"The promotion will give the public the opportunity to watch all three codes and decide for themselves on their comparative merits."

"It will give the average Australian his first chance to see an Australian soccer match."

"In Sydney and Brisbane, it will give Australian Rules a chance to increase its support, for the sport isn't strong there at the moment."

"Rugby League will have the chance of picking up support in Melbourne."

Mr. Plumb said Fitzroy would publish 10,000 copies of a program listing star players of each competing team, diagrams of the fields of play and the rules of each code.

Mr. Tony Kovac, president of Footscray J.U.S.T. said: "March 18 will be a historic day for soccer, I am sure it will give us added support for soccer."

He added he was impressed by the facilities at Junction Oval, which is Fitzroy's home ground.

"Perhaps we may even get the opportunity to play other PSL games there," he said.



Magician

This is Lajos Baroti, the soccer magician who has made the Magyars mighty again. Read about Hungary on pages 14 and 15 in our continuing series on the World Cup finalists.

Mr. Kovac added that the organisers of the festival had told him that J.U.S.T. and Marconi were the ideal teams to put on show, as they played the most skilful and inventive brand of soccer.

However, Fitzroy-Alexander president Mr. Jim Mangopoulos is upset that his club was not chosen for the festival.

He said he had talks with the organisers last year but was later told Alexander could not be included because it did not have a home game scheduled for March 18.

"That could easily have been solved by switching fixtures for that week," he said.

Some of the Australian Rules stars on show include Footscray's Brownlow Medallist Gary Dempsey, and Fitzroy's brilliant rover Gary Wilson.

If Eastern Suburbs plays in the Rugby League match, the crowd will get a look at two of Australia's finest players — Arthur Beetson, captain of Australia, and Bob Fulton, also an international.

And of course, there will be the soccer champions — Jimmy Rooney, Roberto Vieri, Peter Sharpe, Ivo Prskalo and Mark Jankovic of Marconi, and Mendo Ristovski, Mike O'Hara, Joe Picciano, Jim Kondarios, Zoran Iliacki, Joe Palinkas and Mirko Rujevic of J.U.S.T.

Top player will fly JAT

Yugoslav Airlines (JAT) will once again sponsor "Soccer Action's" Player Of The Year Award.

The winner will get two return tickets to Europe, flying JAT.

The tickets are not transferable.

It is the third successive year that JAT is sponsoring the award.

In the first year it was run for both the Victorian and NSW State Leagues. Winners were Steve Kokoska of Victorian club

Sunshine City and Bruce Stowell of Sydney club Pen Hellenic.

Last year the award was run for the Philips League. Jimmy Rooney of Marconi was the winner.

Once again, "Soccer Action" writers will award votes from one to 10 to every player in every game.

The winner will be the player with the highest average, providing he has played at least 20 games.

To be eligible for a vote, a player must have played for at

least 65 minutes of the game in question.

"Soccer Action" thanks JAT and its Victorian manager, Mr. Rade Milanovic for their support, and recommends the airline, to anyone thinking of flying overseas.

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Overath may come with All-Stars

Bobby Charlton and his British All-Stars may bring German champion Wolfgang Overath with them for their match against Victoria on May 3.

Victorian Soccer Federation officials suggested when the All-Stars were here last year that a big name from the continent would help increase the crowd.

So this time Bobby Charlton has approached Overath, whose name is included in a list of likely squad members sent to the VSF last week.

Also listed is the name of Bobby Moore, the former

West Ham and England captain who has been playing in the United States.

Overath, 33, retired last year from his club FC Cologne, which is currently on top of the Bundesliga ladder.

He had played for Cologne for 15 years and in recognition, the club staged a testimonial match for him between Cologne and Germany's 1974 World Cup team.

The national team won 4-1 and the match was watched by 60,000 people.

It was a fitting tribute to Overath, who played 81 international matches, including those in the 1966, 1970 and 1974 World Cup finals.

On November 6, 1968 he was honored by being included in a FIFA World eleven which played against Brazil in Rio.

The members of Australia's 1974 World Cup team remember Overath well, for it was he who scored one of the goals in Germany's 3-0 victory over the Socceroos in Hamburg.

Other players listed in Charlton's squad include: Jackie Charlton, Alex Stepney, Brian Harvey, Bobby Moore, Tony Dunne, Peter



Wolfgang Overath

Lorimer, Howard Kendall, Brian Kidd, Eddy Gray, Alan Ball, Ken Burns, Jim Holton and Frank Carreira.

The line-up of the All-Stars in their 1-2 loss to Australia last June was: Stepney, Lawler, J. Charlton (Goalies 71st), Hurst, Dunne, Smith, Ball, R. Charlton, Callaghan Kidd and Lorimer.

Derby County's match against Victoria has been set for May 21.

Victorian coach Duncan McKay hopes to name a State squad of 22 players by early April, and gradually reduce it.

Prize for top scorer

A \$300 engraved Citizen quartz watch is the prize for the top goalscorer in the Philips League. The watch will be supplied by Konstantine Jewel Box of 183 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

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Games this week

Round 2 of the Phillips
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All games Sunday,
March 12:

SYDNEY: Marconi v. Fitzroy Alexander, 3 pm
Marconi Oval, Bossley
Park; Hakoah-Easts v. Brisbane Lions, 3 pm
Wentworth Park; Western
Suburbs v. Newcastle KB
United 3 pm, Englefield
Stadium, Dural.

MELBOURNE: South
Melbourne Hellas v. Sydney Olympic 3pm,
Middle Park.

ADELAIDE: West
Adelaide Hellas v. St.
George 2.30 pm, Hind-
marsh Stadium.

BRISBANE: Brisbane
City v. Footscray J.U.S.T.
3 pm Perry Park.

CANBERRA: Canberra
City v. Adelaide City
Juventus 2.30 pm, Bruce
Stadium.

STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY					
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1
Marconi	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2
St. Melb	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2
Footscray	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
West Subs	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Fitzroy	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
W. Adel	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Canberra	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bris City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Syd City	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Adel C.	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
St. George	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Newcastle	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	4
Bris Lions	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3

Philips League team of week

WISHART
(Bris. City)

MOULIS
(Canberra)

RUSSELL
(Marconi)

O'CONNOR
(Hakoah)

DEGNEY
(Marconi)

LUTTON
(SM-Hellas)

VIERI
(Marconi)

STEVENSON
(Hakoah)

BODEN
(Newcastle)

JANKOVIC
(Marconi)

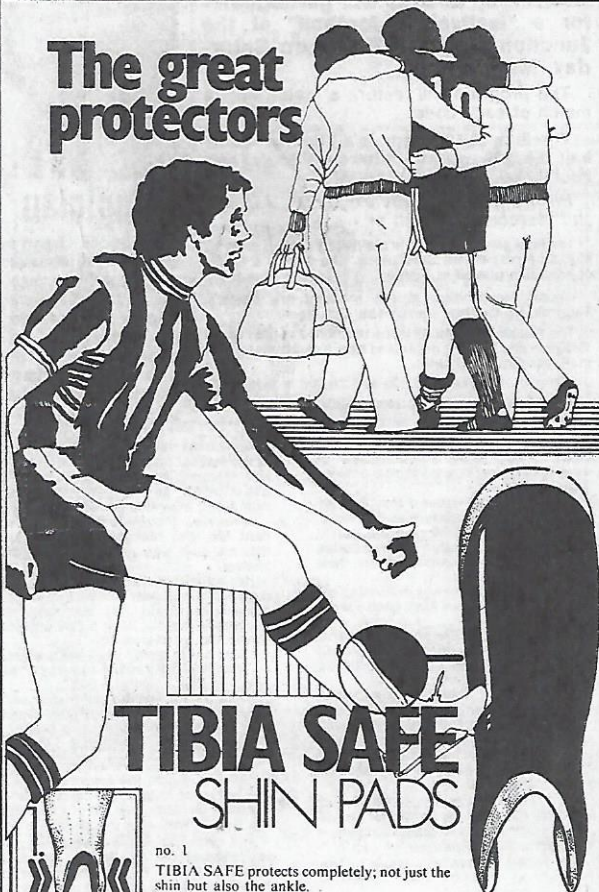
NICOLAIDES
(J.U.S.T.)

Quarter-finals Saturday

LONDON. — Nottingham Forest beat Queens Park Rangers 3-1 in their English FA Cup fifth round second replay.

Revised English FA Cup quarter-final draw to be played on Saturday, March 11, is: Middlesbrough v. Orient, Millwall v. Ipswich Town, West Bromwich Albion v. Nottingham Forest, Wrexham v. Arsenal.

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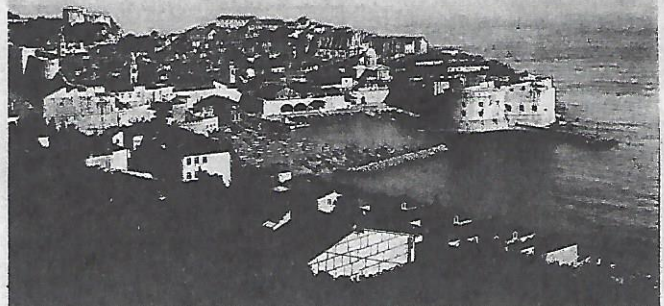
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

ST. GEORGE 0, SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2
(Cummings, Rogers) at Barton Park, crowd 3853.

Ratings by Alex Vesic:
ST GEORGE: Coe 6, Utjesenovic 6, Terry 5, J.
O'Shea 6, Harris 6, Grosse 7, Mendez 5 (Gnani 7),
Jones 6, R. O'Shea 6, Djuricic 5 (Morgan 6), Connor
5.

HELLAS: Hansen 8, Pye 7, Kalafatidis 7, Baxter 7,
Hagegmanlou 6, Lutton 8, Wright 6, Rogers 8, Cum-
mings 7, Orlerton 6, Kent 6.

NEWCASTLE 1 (Boden), HAKOAK 4 (Silva 2,
Watson, Barnes) at International Sports Centre,
crowd 15,067 (PSL record).

Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:
NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willis 6, Endacott 5 (C.
Curran 6th), Drinkwater 6, Summerscales 7,
Harden 7, Mason 7, Boden 9, Kay 5, Ames 5, Turn-
bull 5 (Catalovski 6, 64th).

HAKOAH: Clarke 6, Mullen 7, Thomson 5 (Town-
send 5, half-time), O'Connor 8, Mowbray 7,
Stevenson 8, Watson 7, Barnes 6, Campbell 7, Silva
6, Smith 6.

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Nicolaides), ADELAIDE
JUVENTUS 0, Olympic Sports Field, crowd 6,500.

Ratings by Memo Toutoulis:
JUST: O'Hara 7, Parrot 7, Kazi 7, Iloeki 6, Kon-
daros 7, Rujovic 6, Palinkas 8, Ristovski 7, Picloane
7, Vasic 6 (Martin), Nicolaides 9.

JUVENTUS: Romanowicz 7, Marwe 8, B.
Nyskohus 7, Matic 6, Lister 8, Melta 6 (Rigby),
Marocchi 6, Perin 7, Dance 6, Northcote 7, J.
Nyskohus 6.

CANBERRA CITY 1 (Grujicic, 82nd minute),
WEST ADELAIDE-HELLAS 1 (Norris, 68th minute).
Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Tilsted 7, Moulis 8, Parker 8,
Milovanovic 8, Henderson 7, Cant 6, Davies 7, Gru-
jicic 8, Stark 8, B. Stoddart 6 (sent off), Byrne 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Service 7, Reynolds
6, Jones 8, Vaglanos 7, McGachey 8, Honeyman 7,
MacGregor 8, Zivkovic 6 (Bozanic 6), Norris 8,
Carruthers 8 (Boyle 8).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0, WESTERN SUBURBS 1
(Fisher, 75th) at Arlington Oval, crowd 4,214.

Ratings by Bobby McLachlan:
OLYMPIC: Meier 6, G. Allan 8, Markland 7, McIn-
toosh 7, Luckett 7, Cross 6, Jamieson 8, Ainslie 6, La-
ing 7, Wilson 6, Thannidie 6.

WESTS: T. Eaton 6, Skellern 6, Wilson 7, Noble 7,
Turnbull 6, Stone 7, Harding 7, O'Donnell 7, Fisher
7, C. Eaton 6, Vernon 6 (Samuels 6th).

BRISBANE LIONS 0, MARCONI 3 (Jankovic 2,
Sharne) at Perry Park, crowd 4,000.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell:
BRISBANE LIONS: McKenzie 6, Hermiston 6,
Potter 6, Bennett 6, Niven 8, Spearritt 6, Amos 5
(Lawrie), Neale 6, Laslo 5, Fairbrother 6, Hughes 5.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 7, Russell 8, Praskalo
7, Degney 9, Byrne 7, Rooney 8, Viero 9, Jankovic 8,
Mariani 7, Sharne 8.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Bozika), BRISBANE
CITY 0 at Middle Park, crowd 3,000.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
FITZROY ALEXANDER: Blasby 6, McMillan 6,
Provan 7, O'Reilly 8, Tansey 6, Bozika 6, Bannon 7,
Taylor 7, Micevski 6 (Campbell 7th), Cole 5, Bui-
jevic 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 9, Rathmell 5 (Kibbee
6th), Tokeai 7, Perry 7, Lavelle 5, Gaffney 8,
Echeverria 5, Pimblett 6, Conner 7 (Marley 6th),
Coyne 6, Caldwell 5.

TWO STATES NAME CUP ENTRANTS

Weston Bears of Newcastle and Tricolore of Fremantle are the first State Federation teams named as entrants in the Australia-wide Philips Cup which kicks off in May.

Two other teams that are almost certain to enter the West Woden Juventus of Canberra and White Eagles of Tasmania.

The Philips Cup is a revived version of the Australia Cup which was contested seven times, from 1962 to 1968 inclusive, until being abandoned due to financial difficulties.

Winners were: 1962 Yugai; 1963 Slavia; 1964 George Cross; 1965 Hakoah-Sydney; 1966 APIA; 1967 Melbourne; 1968 Hakoah-Sydney.

The Philips Cup will be contested by all 14 Philips League clubs plus four clubs from NSW, four from Victoria, three from South Australia; three from Queensland and one each from Western Australia, Tasmania, the ACT and Northern NSW.

Selection of the Federation teams is up to the States themselves.

Victoria is considering a proposal that its four candidates should be the 1977 winners of the State League championship (George Cross), the Dockerty Cup (Juventus), the Ampol Cup (Essendon-Croale) and the State League runner-up (Slavia).

NSW clubs were meeting on Monday night to discuss whether they will take part in the Cup.

South Australia will run a knock-out competition from which the last three surviving clubs will enter the Philips Cup.

The knock-out series will be on April 1, 5, 8 and 12.

Queensland's two candidates will be decided by mid-March.

The most likely starters are St. George and Southside Eagles which both finished with 30 points on top of the Queensland First Division ladder last season.

West Australia decided to enter its Ampol Cup winner. The Cup final was played last weekend, with Tricolore beating Ascot.

Ajax wants under 16s

Green Gully Ajax is looking for under 16 players.

Boys interested should ring Tony Spiteri on 62 0041 during business hours.

MASSEUR

Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs needs a masseur.

Anyone interested should ring Tony Vrzina on 311 0601 (bus.) or 45 6983 (home).

Tasmania will make its decision at a meeting on March 12 but its contender is almost certain to be White Eagles, the Polish club of Hobart.



Attila Abonyi, now with Sydney Croatia, scored three goals in Melbourne's victory over APIA in the 1967 Australia Cup final. The Australia Cup winner of the Philips Cup.

White Eagles won the 1977 Tasmanian South championship, and added the State title by beating northern champion, Juventus.

White Eagles are expecting a former Polish international to arrive soon. He will be the team's player-coach. Other well-known players at White Eagles are Mike Richards, Harry Stewart, Peter Linnell and Dennis Truman. Mike Southworth, top scorer last season, has returned to Northern NSW club Cessnock.

The Tasmanian entrant in the Philips Cup will be grouped with the Victorian clubs in the first knock-out round.

This has angered Tasmanian officials who fear their team may not get past the first round, and thus the Tasmanian public will be deprived of the opportunity to see one of the Cup games.

The A.C.T.'s entrant would have been 1977 First Division champion Monaro. However, as Monaro has entered the NSW State League and is now under the jurisdiction of the NSW Federation, the A.C.T.'s representative will almost certainly be West Woden Juventus, which finished second in the league last year.

Juventus features former St. George player George Campbell and the Fijian Vula Walte.

Northern NSW wasted no time in naming 1977 champion Weston Bears as its representative.

The first round of the Cup will be played mid-week in May. Half the team will be knocked out at this stage.

The second round in June will leave eight teams in the quarter-finals, which will be played after the PSL top four series at the end of the season.

Prize money for the Cup totals \$15,000.

Highest crowd of the defunct Australia Cup series was 15,000 for the 1964 final between George Cross and APIA in Melbourne. A 1965 semi-final between South Melbourne Hellas and APIA drew 12,000 again in Melbourne.

Other attendance figures were generally between 2000 and 6000.

Hopefully, the Philips Cup will at least match those figures.

Teams so far entered: Hakoah-East, Marconi, Sydney Olympic, St. George, Western Suburbs, Newcastle United, Footscray J.U.S.T., South Melbourne Hellas, Fitzroy Alexander, West Adelaide Hellas, Adelaide Juventus, Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, Canberra City, Weston Bears, Tricolore (WA).

Other likely entrants are: West Woden Juventus (ACT), White Eagles (Tasmania), Southside Eagles (Qld) and St. George (Qld).

Contestants from Victoria and NSW are yet to be chosen.

We may withdraw from youth Cup

Australia may withdraw from the Coca Cola under 19 world youth championships.

The finals of the competition will be played in Japan next year.

The Australian Soccer Federation has protested strongly about the requirement that the winner of the Oceania qualifying group enters a play-off series against Israel and the third-placed South American country.

This series would be played in South America. New Zealand has also protested.

ASF secretary Mr. Brian le Fèvre said: "Although Coca Cola would probably pay our fares to South America, we would still be up for about \$40,000."

"We couldn't afford it. We need all the money we can get to prepare our national team for the next World Cup."

High costs have also forced the ASF out of the next Olympic Games.

The ASF estimated that participation in the Games would cost at least \$80,000 and that it would be impossible to find a sponsor.

Two matches on 'Philips Top Soccer'

Fitzroy Alexander v Brisbane City and Newcastle United v Hakoah-East are the two matches that will be shown on the 0-10 network's "Philips Top Soccer" programme this week.

The show will go to air in Melbourne at 10.30 pm every Friday. The network has expanded its coverage, using matches from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Newcastle, Canberra and Adelaide.

There will be two matches in each programme. Main commentator is Jeff Thomas who will do all Brisbane games and also some in Canberra, as well as travelling to other cities for selected games.

Other commentators are Jim Barker (Melbourne), Tom McKain (Adelaide) and Mike Hill (Sydney and Newcastle).

Ken Reed

Kastner and Reed quit the Cross

Goalkeeper Lou Kastner who was in Australia's 1969 World Cup Squad, has quit George Cross.

Striker Ken Reed wants to leave and other players are also reported to be seeking transfers.

Kastner, 29, has spent 17 years with the club. He joined when he was 12.

He sent George Cross a letter last week, asking for a transfer and saying he would not return under any circumstances.

"I have only one or two seasons left as a player, and I feel a change of clubs may give me a new lease of life," he said.

"I don't think I can achieve much more with George Cross."

"It's not a matter of being disloyal, because only Frank Micic of J.U.S.T. has been with one club longer than I have."

"I hope George Cross will let me go for a reasonable price. If not, I will appeal to the VSF."

Kastner is under contract to George Cross for one more season.

Lou Kastner has sat on the bench for Australia seven times and played 12 games for Victoria from 1969 to 1976.

'Scrap soccer for 12 month's

Competitive soccer in Victoria should be scrapped for 12 months, says Guy Spiteri, president of State League club Green Gully Ajax.

Spiteri is quoted in his club's newspaper, the "Gully Gazette" as saying:

"Soccer needs a big kick in the guts at present. It's in a big rut and I reckon that competitive soccer in Victoria could do with a complete rest for 12 months."

"I believe this would help rekindle interest by a soccer public and possibly get the administrators to re-think and reconstruct the present set-up."

"Despite my beliefs I doubt whether we will see it happen though, because of the amateurism and ineptitude of our administrators."

Kastner and Reed quit the Cross



Lou Kastner

Ken Reed, top goal scorer in the State League last season, claims George Cross hasn't given him the signing-on fee it promised when he joined at the start of last season.

He also considers the match payments are unsatisfactory.

He said he would continue playing for George Cross until he finds another club.

"I don't want to stay with George Cross," said Reed.

"However, I would like to thank the George fans. They give fantastic support to the team and I've got no complaints about them."

Last season it was Reed's goals that gave Cross a big push towards the title. It was the first time George Cross had won the State League championship.

Reed began his career with Manchester City in England, as an apprentice. With him at Maine Road was his brother Tommy.

Unfortunately Tommy broke a leg and the club decided it didn't want him anymore. Ken decided that if Tommy had to leave, then he would go with him.

Next stop was Second Division Blackburn Rovers but the brothers Reed didn't settle down there.

It was at Everton, their next club, that they met Derek Doolan, who now plays for Albion Leyland.

"Derek is a great mate," said Kenny, "and is also my brother-in-law."

Doolan came to Australia to play with George Cross but recently transferred to Albion.

"I live just down the road from the Albion ground," said Ken, "and I've popped in for a drink a couple of times. It's a great club and Derek is really happy there."

Reed followed in Doolan's footsteps and came to Australia to play for George.

Tommy Reed, who according to Ken is a "very good player", is interested in coming to Australia, but wants to play in the Philips League.

Meanwhile, Ken hopes to be able to find a new club without too much friction. It took Doolan 14 months to get a move from the Cross, but Ken hopes he can avoid a similar delay.



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Raul Blanco (rear) in action against John Warren (St. George) during his playing days with Prague.

Joe Venglos and Rale Rasic are the best two coaches to come to Australia, according to Raul Blanco.

And Blanco, coach of NSW State League team Melita Eagles, is in the position to judge such a thing.

Raul played under Venglos for three years and was assistant to Rasic for two.

"Words are not enough to show my appreciation to Joe and Rale," said Blanco. "I learned so much from them. They are both brilliant coaches."

Rasic and Venglos are former coaches of the Australian team. Rasic is now coach of Marconi, but Venglos has left the country to coach overseas.

"Joe is involved with the Czechoslovakian national team and Czech club side Slovan Bratislava," said Raul. "Losing him was a big blow to Australian soccer."

With Venglos well established overseas, the Australian Soccer Federation has little chance of luring him back to coach the national team, a position offered to the star coach.

Blanco first met Venglos when he came to Australia from Argentina to play with the Prague club in Sydney. Venglos was coach of Prague.

Before coming to Australia, the Argentinian-born Blanco played 250 games in the Argentinian Second Division

By KYLE PATTERSON



Raul Blanco — coach of Melita Eagles.

for a club with a well-known name — Arsenal — (Where have I heard that before?).

He scored 40 goals during his five-years with the club and also represented Argentina in the youth team.

"I'll never forget my first game for Argentina," said Raul. "Just pulling on a national team shirt for the first time is something special."

The game was Argentina v Uruguay, a first-round game in a South American youth tournament which included Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile and Brazil, the eventual winner.

"We drew 1-1," remembers Raul, "and the game was played as curtain-raiser to a Russia v Argentina full international."

That day, 100,000 soccer-mad Argentinians packed the River Plate Stadium, which is the venue for the World Cup final.

When Raul first received an invitation to come to Australia, he laughed.

"Australia seemed so far away," he said, "and I wasn't even sure if soccer was played there."

However, two weeks later Raul was on a flight headed Down Under.

"I was going to stay for two years and then go back home," said Raul, "but it's been 11 years since I arrived and I still haven't got round to going back."

Blanco played with Prague for three years, during which time it won the Ampol Cup and finished runner-up once.

He later transferred to Pan-

Hellenic, but retired after playing one season there. Raul had a special reason for retiring.

"I wanted to say good-bye to soccer, not have soccer say good-bye to me," he said.

Blanco stayed with Pan-Hellenic as second-team coach. A few months after Blanco had been appointed, Rasic joined the club as first-team coach.

The experience Blanco has gained from Venglos and Rasic enabled him to guide Melita Eagles undefeated to the Second Division championship last season.

It was his first season with the club. Before that he was first-team boss at Pan-Hellenic for one season.

Season '78 will be his fifth as a senior coach. Raul is aiming for the top in Australia — the Philips League.

"Everyone must aim to be the best," said Raul, "and I would like to coach in the Philips League."

However, Raul doesn't mind helping out at the other end of the scale.

"I love coaching juniors," he said. "Recently I was involved with Rale and Johnny Warren in a junior coaching clinic at Englefield Stadium (Sydney). It was very enjoyable and some nights we played soccer until 11 p.m."

Raul Blanco has the experience and enthusiasm to be a great coach and if he is half as good as Rasic and Venglos he may even coach the Socceroos.



Joe Venglos (left) and Rale Rasic — Venglos rates them the best coaches to have come to Australia.

Como Cup next week

As part of the Moomba celebrations Prahran City will hold a knock-out soccer competition on Monday March 13.

It is called the "Moomba" Como Cup.

Prahran has been running the competition since 1967.

The present holder of the "Moomba" Como Cup is Richmond. Past winners are:

1967 — Park Rangers, 1968 — Prahran City, 1969 — Prahran City, 1970 — Not Played, 1971 — South Yarra, 1972 — Heidelberg, 1973 — Moorabbin, 1974 — Richmond, 1975 — Park Rangers.

1976 — Prahran City, 1977 — Richmond.

Teams competing this year are — Prahran City, Richmond, Eltham, Mordialloc, Ringwood, Park Rangers, Nunawading, Doveton, Heidelberg, Moorabbin, South Yarra, Greensborough.

A good crowd is expected to watch entertaining soccer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Group 1 is Doveton, Eltham, Ringwood Utd. Group 2: Moorabbin, Mordialloc, South Yarra. Group 3: Park Rangers, Richmond, Heidelberg. Group 4: Nunawading, Prahran City, Greensborough.

Hubble to Boronia

Boronia has re-appointed coach John Evans and his assistant Des Desmond.

The team is further strengthened by the return of Mark Kidd who was badly injured in a car accident two years ago and the acquisition of Sandringham City stalwart Mel Hubble.

The club is still interested to hear from experienced players. Interested players can ring John Evans on 551 3924, Ken Landman on 762 5482 or Brian Gresham on 762 5172.

WARREN



Former national captain John Warren

With Jankovic Marconi may take title

Coaches proudly take a continuing interest in players they "find" and that's why I was delighted to hear PSL championship contenders Marconi had signed 21-year-old Mark Jankovic.

When I was in charge of St George, Jankovic along with Morgan and Grosse became regular first team members even though Jankovic was only 18 and had previously played only one first team match.

Like most Australian youngsters the "gut" feeling you have about them seldom lets you down.

The attack at St George at that time was Atti Abonyi (now Croatia), Terry Smith (now Hakoah), Joe Palinkas (now Footscray JUST) and Neville Morgan (still Saints). Jankovic not only became a regular but our second top scorer in Saints' championship win of 1975.

He performed no better for me in 1975 than in our 6-1 win over Pan Hellenic (Olympic) which was then a fellow title contender under the guidance of Rale Rasic and Paul Blanco (Melita).

Jankovic was superb that day, scoring three goals and displaying the potential to become a world class forward.

He obviously impressed Rasic too, for I know personally he is over the moon about signing Jankovic from St George for \$7,500.

The past two seasons with Saints have not been kind to either him or the club, and the move to Marconi was a good thing for all concerned.

It is always dangerous to make predictions about young players but I feel Mark will make the difference between Marconi being runner-up and champion in 1978.

I sincerely hope he realises his undoubted potential and produces his 1975 form and scoring skills.

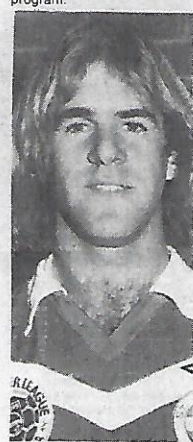
Canberra City's match day sponsorship program has been more than well received in Canberra business circles.

The idea is for individual companies to sponsor each home match with the promotional package offering both the sponsor and the club attractive benefits.

Although the idea of match day sponsorship has been tossed around for sometime, no club to my knowledge had previous gone ahead with the idea.

The Readymix group has taken two of our matches — the first against West Adelaide last Sunday and the Marconi game in Canberra on May 6.

Two other leading companies are close to confirming on two other matches and at the current rate of interest Canberra City could become the first club to successfully implement the much-talked-about match-day sponsorship program.



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Croydon Wolves are favourites

The field for the Cumberland Cup has been whittled down to eight for the business end of the competition.

The teams remaining will play off in area finals, and the four winners will receive £200 and a trophy.

In the West group, Tony Vain's Western Suburbs come up against South Melbourne. Although Souths beat the strong Kellor City in the semi-final, Western Suburbs have too many big guns and should win in what will be a tough match.

The Southern group final should see an easy victory for Springvale City over North Dandenong, the only team from outside the Metropolitan League still in the competition. However, North is capable of surprising.

The Collingwood City-Fitzroy United clash will be a no-holds-barred encounter

and extra time may be needed to separate the teams. However, Collingwood will start favourite and should scrape through and take the money.

Croydon City has a class team and will beat Doncaster by more than one goal. However, Doncaster is known for its fighting spirit and if it goes down it won't be because of a lack of effort.

These area finals are being played between Monday, March 6, and Monday March 13.

At this stage Croydon would be favourite to lift the Cumberland Cup, but Western Suburbs are not far behind, and if the draw and the results are favourable, it

will be a crackerjack final between the two.

Results of Cumberland Cup regional semi-finals were:

WEST — Kellor City 1, St. Melbourne 2; Ardeer 0, Western Suburbs 3.

SOUTH — Morwell Falcons 1, Nth Dandenong 1 A.E.T.

North Dandenong on penalties; Dandenong City 0, Springvale 3.

NORTH — East Brunswick 0, Collingwood City 1; Royal Park 1, Fitzroy 0.

EAST — Croydon 4, Park Rangers 1; Doncaster Rovers 1, Monash Uni 0.

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Violence at Cup match

AUSTRIA 2, H.D. DYNAMO 0, Dockerty Cup.

Kellor-Austria beat its Industrial League opponent without much difficulty, but the afternoon was marred by violence.

A spectator punched a 14-year-old boy in the face, and then threatened Austria official Freddy Cesar before the police was called to take the man away.

Austria's goals, after a scoreless first half, were scored by Zarco and Santos. Best players were Santos, Szabo and Schul.

DOVETON 2 (Roderick, McMinimoe) v FRANKSTON PINES 1, Dockerty Cup.

DOVETON: Riess, Sweeney, Donnelly, Thurlow, Kingsley, Roderick, Shanks, Taylor, Henderson, Coutts, McMinimoe. FRANKSTON: Francis, Pauling, Miller, Eadie, Effen, Bennett, Mitchell, Wall, Malcolm, Cameron, Cairns, Subis Kerr, Hay.

Doveton won't come across as a team hard to beat than Frankston Pines. The Provisional League team didn't play any pretty soccer, it just booted the ball over the heads of the Doveton defence and ran.

It was a successful tactic as the scoreline suggests. Pines held its first Division opponent scoreless in the first half and was happy to go into half time with the score 0-0.

Doveton, frustrated in the first half, took only four minutes of the second half to get into the lead.

Taylor and Roderick had combined well before the latter scored from close range.

It looked as though Doveton would scrape in with one goal, but in the 90th minute Pines grabbed an equaliser.

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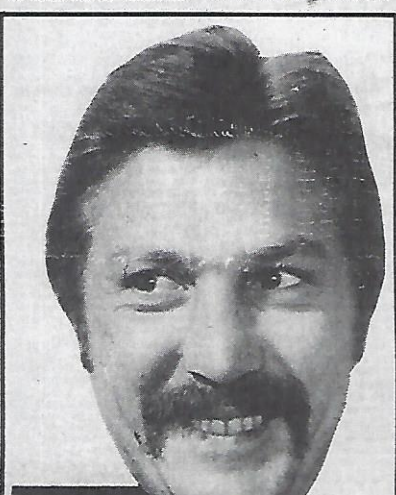
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KNUT WERNER

It seems there was an Irishman, an Australian and an Italian standing next to each other at a sports function called "Rugocircles", held at that diverse sports arena known as the Junction Oval.

"Bewdy Blue, crack a tube and who ya barrakin' for?" inquired the Aussie.

"Actually I intend to follow the fortunes of the Sydney club Marconi on this occasion," retorted the Italian in an accent that immediately betrayed him as fourth generation from the old country.

"Tongue-kiss the Barrye stone mate, ya wouldn't be fairly begorrah, followin' that woman's game, would ya?" said the Irishman.

"On the contrary my dear leprechaun, I have a machismo rating of 80 and find a sport where there is no physical contact between the participants very refreshing."

"Crack another tube coppers, footy's the thing for men. Up there Cazaly and the big man fly mate," responded the Aussie.

"May you both die without seeing the Emerald Isle," he roared. There's nothing more many that the gouging, kicking, spitting, elbowing and biting of a decent scum. That's what takes the men from the Protestants, informed the Irishman.

"Eschlarating?" replied the Italian, "I find the elegance of a well-placed corner to the perfectly-timed raised head of a striker into the back of the net quite exhilarating."

"What sort of poofy talk is that mate? You wanna see a full forward dip his steps into the spine of a defender, climb as high as a brewery vat and crack a big one. No bloody exhilarating there, that's bloody beaver! Crack a bloody tube, ya wouldn't be fairly begorrah, followin' that woman's game, would ya?" said the Irishman.

"Actually I believe that Nureyev played soccer in his youth in Russia," said the Italian, "suggesting that there is an artistic parallel between the two."

"That figures, bloody poofy," said the Aussie.

"Yeah, bloody poofy," repeated the Irishman. "Have a drop of the old Irish."

"I think I'll crack a tube," said the Aussie.

Well, the whistles blew and the VFL game took off. No sooner had the ball been bounced than someone kicked it over the white line out of play.

"I say," queried the Italian of the Aussie, "how many people do you have per team here?"

"Jeep sport, you come down with the last bloody shower mate? A blind dog can tell ya that there's 18 to a side here," harangued the Aussie.

Well, actually that is what I originally counted, but there seem to be extra people to throw the ball back into play. That makes 20," said the Italian.

"Cripes Blue, they're your bloody boundary umpires — they don't play for anyone. Good on ya, Bazz," shouted the Aussie. "Now watch this go through the big sticks like a beer bottle through the opening of an outside dunny. Ah ya mug, look at that will ya? He's kicked a beehind!"

"Does the kicking of a beehind constitute a penalty?" asked the Italian.

"Bull mate, that's one point," informed the Aussie.

"Who gets it?" asked the Irishman.

"I say," questioned the Italian, "how many points do you get for kicking a shin?"

"A bloody good clout in the earhole from his coppers," said the Aussie. This debate continued throughout the first match and the crackin' of many a tube.

Next the soccer players came on to perform their match.

"What's with this lot?" laughed the Aussie. "Some of the fairies didn't turn up, hey?"

"No, we find more than 11 players absolutely superfluous to the flow of the game and an unnecessary congestion."

"It go along with that," agreed the Irishman discovering that he lacked one finger to fully carry out his inventory.

As the game progressed the Italian found himself answering an array of questions that to him seemed unnecessary to ask.

"For instance," "Jeze what's happening here mate? There's a bloke with the ball going out off hell and the ump stops him and gives it to the other side. Stone the crows, he would've scored."

"That's a penalty known as off-side, meant to stop a player from having an unfair advantage," explained the Italian.

"Cripes, you wanna tell ya wog mates that in this country we believe in giving a bloke a fair go. This is your bloody private enterprise country," retorted the Aussie as he cracked a tube in bloody disgust.

By this time, with all the cracking of tubes I had to do so as not to appear an obvious eavesdropper, I was fading fast as the Rugby League team arrived on the pitch (display is interpretation of sport).

The last thing I heard as I drifted into the twilight zone came from the Irishman.

"Now that's what I call a football team of real men. Have a good look at them — hardly a tooth among them."

International scoreboard

EAST GERMANY										
Karl-Marx Stadt 0, Magdeburg 0; Vorwarts Frankfurt 0, Wismar 0; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0, Chemnitz 0; Dynamo Berlin 2, Lok Leipzig 0; Carl Zeiss Jena 0; Chemie Halle 0, Dynamo Dresden 0; Zwickau 0, Wismar 0.	Leading standings after round 16:									
Magdeburg	15	11	2	32	8	24				
Dynamo Dresden	10	10	4	33	17	24				
Dynamo Berlin	16	9	4	32	15	22				
Lok Leipzig	16	7	4	34	19	18				
Chemie Halle	16	6	4	28	10	18				

HOLLAND										
AZ 67 Alkmaar 2, FC Den Haag 0; Sparta Rotterdam 3, NEC Nijmegen 0; PSV Eindhoven 1, VVV Venlo 1; FC Twente Enschede 0, Amsterdam 2; Haarlem 2, Volendam 3; Ajax Amsterdam 7, Willem II Tilburg 0; Utrecht 2, Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0; Willem II Tilburg 2, RSC Anderlecht 2; FC Eindhoven 2, Feyenoord Rotterdam 1.	Leading standings after round 25:									
PSV	25	18	7	62	11	43				
AZ 67	25	15	6	46	21	36				
FC Twente	24	14	6	40	20	34				
Ajax	25	13	7	54	28	33				
Sparta	24	11	8	39	24	30				

ITALY										
Bologna 0, Verona 1; Foggia 1, Milan 2; Genova 1, Torino 2; Inter 2, Fiorentina 1; Juventus 2, Perugia 2; L. Vicenza 2, Atalanta 2; Pescara 1, Lazio 0; Roma 1, Napoli 0.	Results of Italian Cup Quarter Finals were:									
Sparting 3, Benfica 1; Porto 3, Gil Vicente 0; Nolepe 1, Varzim 2; Farense 1, Braga 3.	GREECE									
Aek 2, Panathinaikos 0; Egloio 3, Kavala 3; Yannis 0, Veria 0; Iraklis 0, Paok 1; Kasteria 1, Ethnikos 3; Olympiakos 3, OFI 0; Panathinaikos 1, Aris 3; Panathinaikos 4, Pierikos 1; Panathinaikos 2, Apollon 0.	TURKEY									
Altay 2, Eskişehir 1; Adanaspor 3, Zonguldak 2; Boluspor 3, Galatasaray 0; Diyarbakir 1, Bursa 0; Fenerbahce 2, Ankara Gucu 0; Samsun 0, Mersin 0.	ARGENTINA									
Argentina and a combined First Division team from Uruguay drew 0-0 in a friendly soccer match in Mar del Plata.	A last-minute penalty by the Argentine national squad was whistled and scored by the fans.									
During the first half both goalkeepers were spectators as play was confined to midfield.	The second half saw some more spirited attacks by both teams.									
The Uruguayans showed flashes of brilliance in attack in the second half, but they were strongest in defence which kept the Argentines from being able to penetrate despite a desperate offensive in the last 15 minutes.	FRANCE									
Nantes 2, Nancy 0; Metz 0, Bastia 0; Nîmes 3, Monaco 4; Troyes 3, Paris S.E. 1; Lens 0, Lens 0; Lyons 1, Bordeaux 1; Reims 1, Reims 2; Nice 0, Strasbourg 1; Valenciennes 1, Marseilles 1.	ROMANIA									
Ju. 4, Steaua 2; Dinamo 1, Jassy Politehnica 0; Sata Mare 2, Bacau 1; Argos 0, Hunedoara Corvinii 0; Constanta 1, Sportul Studentesc 3; Petrolul 2, Neausta 0; Dibr 2, Targu Mures 1; Craiova Universitara 1, Timisoara Politehnica 0; Tirgoviste 2, Arad 0.	Targu Mures head the table with 24 points, followed by Timisoara Politehnica with 22, Argos with 21 and Sportul Studentesc with 21.									

DIVISION 1										
HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L
Nottm For	29	11	4	0	29	6	45	5	4	3
Man City	30	12	1	2	37	13	45	5	4	2
Everton	30	11	2	2	36	20	44	5	4	2
Arsenal	31	9	5	2	19	9	43	5	4	2
Liverpool	29	10	2	2	23	7	43	5	4	2
Leeds Utd	30	8	4	3	23	14	40	4	5	2
Coventry	29	10	3	2	38	18	40	4	5	2
WBA	29	8	4	2	23	11	40	4	5	2
Sheff Wed	30	5	1	2	19	10	37	3	5	2
Aston Villa	29	6	3	4	16	21	35	4	4	3
Bristol City	31	7	4	3	29	20	35	2	7	8
Middlesbrough	29	5	3	1	17	13	34	4	4	4
Man Utd	30	7	3	5	21	16	34	4	3	4
Sheff City	29	5	3	3	19	16	34	4	3	4
Blackburn	29	6	3	2	17	10	34	4	3	4
Ipswich	29	5	4	2	18	11	34	4	3	4
Wolves	29	5	4	2	19	9	34	4	3	4
Birmingham	30	6	3	7	25	24	34	4	1	9
West Ham	30	4	5	6	19	22	34	2	2	11
Sheff Utd	29	4	5	5	17	21	34	1	7	8
Leeds Utd	30	6	6	8	20	0	34	0	5	10
Newcastle	27	4	1	9	18	24	34	2	2	9

DIVISION 2										
HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L
Tottenham	31	9	6	0	38	11	67	7	3	25
Bolton	29	12	1	2	18	13	66	6	4	20
Southampton	30	11	2	2	28	12	56	4	6	19
Brighton	30	19	1	5	31	17	55	5	4	13
Blackburn	29	11	2	1	27	10	54	7	1	18
Oxford	30	7	7	1	23	14	44	4	7	17
Luton	31	8	4	4	26	14	44	4	6	17
Crystal Pal	29	6	4	5	22	18	44	4	6	17
Blackpool	29	6	4	4	25	16	44	3	7	20
Sheff Utd	29	7	3	2	26	13	44	1	6	22
Bristol R	30	8	7	2	27	17	44	1	5	18
Sheff Utd	29	9	3	2	25	16	44	2	3	18
Charlton	29	8	4	3	31	22	44	1	6	18
Fulham	29	6	7	2	27	15	44	3	1	8
Stoke	27	3	3	2	20	11	44	4	8	17
Accrington	29	5	2	2	18	14	44	3	8	17
Notts City	29	7	6	2	26	15	44	3	10	11
Cardiff	29	8	5	2	25	19	44	0	11	14
Hull	29	6	4	5	20	15	44	1	5	8
Millwall	29	2	7	4	10	15	44	3	4	9
Bury	30	4	6	4	15	14	44	2	3	11
Manfield	29	5	3	7	21	24	44	1	5	8



Phil Dando — joined Newcastle from Brisbane Lions.

Baptism of fire for Newcastle

By JOE LANZONI

In front of a magnificent crowd of 15,067 (a P.S.L. record) Newcastle KB United received its baptism of fire when it met the reigning PSL champion, Eastern Suburbs-Hakoah.

Newcastle eventually went down 4-1 in a hard-fought match.

Newcastle looked like it could make a dream debut in the first half when it forced the champions into several errors and had generally as much of the game as Hakoah.

Joe Watson scored the only goal of the first half when Newcastle was pressing, taking a corner on the right.

The ball was cleared to John Stevenson who found Watson unmarked on the right.

While the Newcastle defence appeared in vain for outside Watson had no difficulty in lifting the ball over the advancing Newcastle goalkeeper Phil Dando into the net.

Dando, a fast minute signing from Brisbane Lions, had a good game in Newcastle's goal and showed to be a valuable addition to Newcastle's playing staff.

In the second half Hakoah, aided by a strong tail wind, gave a mastery display but it was only through defensive errors that Hilton Silva dribbled past the Newcastle goalkeeper and slotted the ball into an empty net to make it 2-0 in the 62nd minute.

Two minutes later Ernie Campbell brought a great save from Dando but the ball rolled free and Silva got his second goal of the match.

Ken Boden (the best Newcastle player) scored from the penalty spot after he was brought down in the penalty area in the 78th minute to make the score 3-1.

Newcastle nearly made it 3-2 one minute later when Boden had a ball kicked off the line.

Murray Barnes closed the scoring eight minutes from the end.

Hermiston: \$30,000

Jim Hermiston's transfer fee was \$30,000, not \$20,000 as previously reported.

The deal is that Brisbane Lions pay Brisbane City \$20,000 over four years plus \$10,000 from gate takings.

Meanwhile, the Queensland Federation has asked for its usual 10% of the transfer fee. Lions have paid the \$3000 under protest.



CAMPBELL PERKS UP ALEXANDER

By LAURIE SCHWAB

It took substitute Jim Campbell to provide the spark that finally enabled Alexander to beat Brisbane City in their Phillips League match at Middle Park last Saturday.



Alexander's star forward Branko Buljevic ducks past Larry Gaffney of Brisbane City.



Andrew Bozikas' shot enters the net for Alexander's winning goal. Brisbane City players from left are: Brian Kibbee, Steve Perry, Roberto Echeverria, Peter Tokesi and Kim Wishart. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Alexander had been playing slow, lifeless, unadventurous soccer and did not appear capable of beating the Brisbane defensive barrier of Peter Tokesi, Steve Perry and goalkeeper Kim Wishart.

But in the 74th minute Alexander coach Tony Boggi replaced Mike Micevski with Jim Campbell and the match changed.

Campbell went on two or three incisive runs that unsettled the Brisbane defence and then intercepted a bad back-pass by Lavelle before delivering the cross which Andrew Bozikas hooked into the net for the winning goal in the 79th minute.

Bozikas ran off the ball very well throughout the game but to Alexander's detriment, was too often ignored by his team mates.

Alexander's biggest fault was that it invariably played the ball too late, enabling Brisbane defenders to converge on forwards offering themselves in space.

Gone were the fast, sharp counter-attacks that made Alexander so successful last season. Only Pat Bannon played the type of through ball that can start such counter-attacks.

It was commendable that Alexander tried to play possession football, pushing the ball square rather than risk losing it, but to make it all worthwhile you need a sudden quick burst towards goal to cap the build-ups.

Against Brisbane City, these bursts were not there except for an initial 10-minute period during which Alexander looked capable

of winning by five goals.

To make matters worse, Gary Cole had an off day. He failed to contest high balls in the middle and he never went up with the goalkeeper.

Coach Tony Boggi admitted after the game that his team had not played well.

"We were flat, but if we can play badly and still win, it must be a good sign."

"We'll be better for the next match against Marconi in Sydney on Sunday. We'll have to be."

Boggi said he did not yet know whether he would use one of his Scottish recruits, goalkeeper Jim Marner, and midfielder Doug Hay.

Brisbane City's caretaker coach Dennis Ford, who took over temporarily when Luciano Netti was sacked, said: "I didn't think there was any Alexander would score in the second half, until we gave them that silly goal."

Ford, the Queensland State coaching director, said he would like to keep the Brisbane City job.

Star of the match was goalkeeper Wishart, who made some uncanny saves.

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Brisbane City bought Wishart from St Helens for \$3000 to replace Borzi.

Another attraction in the Brisbane squad was Alan Marley, who played for New Zealand in its 1973 World Cup games, including those against Australia.

Ford did not use Marley in his opening line-up, but brought him on as a substitute in the second half.

Unfortunately, Willie Conner came off to make room for Marley and Conner had been Brisbane's most hard-working forward. It would have been wiser to replace Kevin Caldwell who was having an inconspicuous match.

Tokesi and Perry gave Brisbane a sound central defence, but full backs Ian Rathnell and John Lavelle weren't up to the high standard of the other two.

Larry Gaffney worked like a cart-horse in midfield, but got no support from Roberto Echeverria who was out of touch, and not enough from Frank Pimblett.

But it was in attack that Brisbane failed most miserably. Its forwards are unfortunately too light and too short to challenge the average PSL defence.

City meets Footscray J.U.S.T. in Brisbane on Sunday, and J.U.S.T.'s Jim Kondoroff, Alan Parrott, Andrija Ristic and Andy Kazi are certainly better than average.

Some of Alexander's best attacks against City came in the first 10 minutes.

Bozikas was running riot during this period and Bannon was delivering the required through balls.

However, City also looked good in the 16th minute when a 20-metre shot by Gaffney caught Peter Blasby by surprise for a moment, but Blasby still managed to turn the shot for a corner.

Then Wishart made the first of his many excellent saves by turning a Micevski drive past the post.

Ken Taylor was shooting at every opportunity and one of his long-range efforts hit the crossbar. Just after half time Taylor tried another 20-metre drive, only to see it saved brilliantly by Wishart.

Cole hit the side netting on a run made possible by Bannon's pass, and then Wishart swung into action again to tap over a shot from Jim Tansey that was deflected high off Lavelle.

In a similar action, Campbell's shot bounced off Perry towards goal, forcing Wishart to save spectacularly once again.

Branko Buljevic, who had been spasmodic for most of the game, became sharper and more dangerous in the last 20 minutes and would have scored with a fine shot, had Gaffney not been on the line to clear.

Then came the crucial moment. Lavelle tried a back-pass that came off wrong into Campbell's hands and he crossed quickly to the middle where Bozikas raised his foot and headed the ball past Wishart for the winning goal.

With only moments left, Cole unleashed a shot from 30 metres. It hit the crossbar.

Bob Provan and Jim O'Reilly won everything in the middle of the defence but were ineffective in starting attacks.

Full backs Jim Tansey and Arthur McMillan usually attack down the flanks, but in this game, they came forward only occasionally.

6000 watch Canberra draw with only 10 men

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra City couldn't have helped but be ecstatic at its 1-1 opening match result against tough opponent West Adelaide Hellas.

The equaliser came from the penalty spot just eight minutes from full time. And City achieved it with 10-men!

City, or Warren's Warriors to their fans, could be well pleased with their performance. It brought out their true team-spirit and fighting qualities.

West Adelaide-Hellas, however, would echo the classic remark "We was robbed", for just two minutes from time they again found the net only to have this effort disallowed for off-side.

It was a tough game with both teams tackling hard and giving away nothing.

It was this ruggedness that erupted into violence in the 32nd minute when City striker Brian Stoddard decked West Adelaide defender Neil McGachey.

City, of course, have the national capital's \$5-million National Stadium as its home ground for 1978 — a ground

after both had clashed in a hard tackle.

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that easily rates as the best in Australia.

And to begin this season, City made it a family day.

Everything was happy until the game began — and West Adelaide started brilliantly.

It was City, the home side, that showed the early-minute nerves and it played erratically and poorly.

Canberra didn't hit its straps for fully 15 minutes. Fortunately, West Adelaide was unable to capitalise and from the 15th minute City began to look the better outfit.

However, it made one disastrous mistake against West Adelaide's defence of big men — it constantly lobbed

the ball into the air and lost possession as the West Adelaide defenders won the heading duels.

But by the midway stage of the first half City looked good and West Adelaide had lost its early composure and was making fundamental errors in distribution and positioning.

Then came the Stoddard/McGachey incident, but magnificently Canberra weathered many attacks and deserved to go into the dressing room at half-time with the scoreline at 0-0.

Canberra's coach Johnny Warren, who travelled to Adelaide to see both Adelaide clubs in action in pre-season games, gambled on a second stanza policy of all-out attack.

West Adelaide was taken by surprise by visitors — until 22 minutes never looked like the side that did so well in 1977.

City, however, couldn't score and with Graeme Norris latched onto an Ian MacGregor chip in the 68th minute, moved to his right and scored, it looked all over.

West Adelaide thought so, too, and put the shutters up.

As the minutes ticked away nothing City could do seemed to worry the visitors — until 17-year-old full-back Danny Moulla made a great run down the wing and had a pinpoint cross handled in the box.

This came in the 82nd minute and from the spot City's Ian Gjurjevic sent West Adelaide keeper, Martyn Crook, the wrong way.

City was jubilant — then ut-

tedly relieved all in the space of a minute.

Adelaide fought back and in the 85th-minute found the net ... only to have it disallowed for offside.

But overall the result was fair. Canberra were indeed the Magnificent 10.

This Sunday their opponents are Adelaide City — a side that took four points from them last year. Again, however, the venue is the National Stadium and City are not the side of strangers who took the park last year.

New signings Gary Parker; 22, from South Africa and Terry Byrne from English third division club, Preston North End, who both played last Sunday, look solid acquisitions.

So, too, although they didn't play, are other new signings Ken Henderson (brother of City skipper, Tony Henderson) and Ian Heywood.

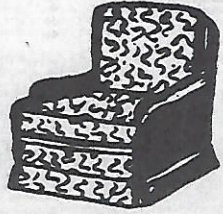
City also have Canberra boy Johnny Davies — and Davies had a solid opening match.

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J.U.S.T. TOO MUCH!

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Footscray JUST issued a strong challenge for the Philips League title with a scintillating 1-0 win over Adelaide City Juventus at Olympic Sports Field last Sunday.

JUST took charge of the match after the opening 20 minutes and was unfortunate not to stretch its lead to at least two goals by the final whistle.

With Dixie Deans still in Scotland, Juventus had lots of problems up front and it was left to tall, blonde defender Robert Marwe to come forward and initiate the attack.

Marwe, playing his first competitive match for Juventus since signing from Croatia, was Juventus' best player and with an ounce of luck could have scored.

Juventus coach Edmund Kreft has problems but he has such a talented squad that they are certain to be overcome.

Certainly the Juventus fans had little justification for giving their team the "stick", as they had a bad trot last year before exploding into action.

While Juventus has to pick up the pieces against Canberra City on Sunday J.U.S.T. must be pleased, particularly in view of its 1-4 loss at the same ground last year.

J.U.S.T.'s performance delighted its fans who made the Adelaide journey and there is no reason why JUST cannot build on this win.

Elusive forwards John Nicolaides, Joe Palinkas and Mendo Ristovski were the architects of the win.

Nicolaides performed magic on his flank while Palinkas gave the Juventus defenders a torrid time on the other side of the ground.

Nicolaides grabbed the winning goal in the 28th minute when he outplayed Juventus captain Frank Lister and hit a crisp ground shot into the far corner.

Earlier Gary Marocchi had



Adel. C. 0.



J.U.S.T. 1.

come close for Juventus with two vicious blasts which just cleared the cross bar.

Juventus came to life in the second half and John Nyskohus came close with a great 20 metre shot which missed by the narrowest of margins.

With cracks starting to develop in JUST's defence, Marwe floated a great ball to Dave Rigby who had replaced Robert Marwe to come forward and initiate the attack.

Moments later Marwe hammered a pile driver but JUST keeper Mike O'Hara made a brilliant save.

Soon after Brian Northcote, having one of his quieter afternoons, materialised in the penalty area but again O'Hara was on the spot to keep the ball out of the net.

Nicolaides had the crowd on its feet when he swept past five players in a great solo run but he did not measure his shot and Roger Romanowicz saved well.

JUST took charge of the last 20 minutes, with Palinkas looking extremely dangerous.

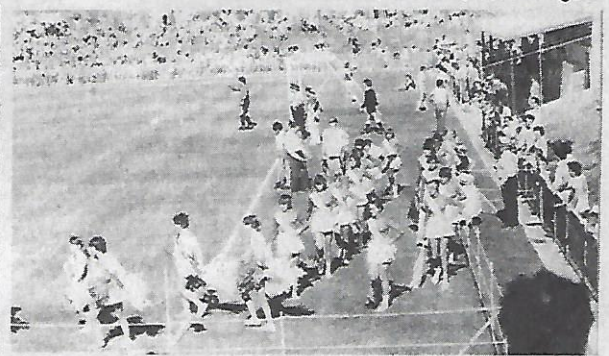
But Rigby almost grabbed an equaliser with a powerful shot which O'Hara saved acrobatically 10 minutes from the end.

Nicolaides was robbed of another goal in the last minute when his header was cleared off the line by Bugsy Nyskohus.

Juventus' new striker Danny Dance had a quiet game and came off in the second half with a leg injury.

But he will be a major acquisition once he settles down.

Dance was signed from Enfield Victoria following some impressive performances in the Ampol Cup.



St. George cheer squad during the spectacular opening to the first game at Barton Park. Picture courtesy "Nase Novine".

Hellas the team to beat says coach

By ALEX VESIC

St. George Budapest went to all sorts of trouble to please last Sunday at its new home ground, Barton Park.

Over 4000 people were on hand, to see a "new look" soccer presentation, including a band, a parade by junior teams from the St. George district, cheer girls dressed in red and white, and (presumably) their mothers dressed in red and white handing out souvenir programs.

At half time Mike Johnson came out with his juniors to display the skills acquired by the young members of the St. George team.

The kick off by Miss St. George was preceded by the most spectacular entry to a

soccer arena by the captains of both clubs. Peter Ollerton of Hellas and George Harris of St. George landed on the pitch only a minute before the kick off in a HELICOPTER.

Beat that if you can!

However, St. George must have been carried away with the idea of "Please The Guests", and sauntered to its first defeat of the year without scoring a goal.

After 12 minutes of play, Hellas should have been a goal up, after a bad back pass by O'Shea. Ollerton took the ball and faced with Martin Coe, shot straight at him.



This shot by Jones of St. George had Hellas goalkeeper John Hansen beaten but the ball hit the post. Picture by "Nase Novine".



St. G. 0.



SM-Hellas 2.

0:1. After 20 minutes, St. George erred again. The ball floated over the heads of Ollerton and Harris; Grosse attempted to clear and mis-kicked. Duncan Cummings accepted the gift, coolly rounded the goalkeeper and slotted the ball into the net.

10 minutes later, Martin Coe misjudged a cross from the left, the ball sailed over his arms, and landed on the head of Peter Ollerton. His header from only four metres away, sailed just over the bar.

0:2. The fortunes of the game were decided for the second time after an error. A misdirected back pass, intended for Grosse, found Billy Rogers. The Hellas midfielder beat Grosse and, faced with Coe, coolly aimed at the far corner, for his team's second goal of the match.

In the 55th minute St. George should have scored.

George Harris unleashed a superb drive from 30 metres. Hansen was beaten, but the ball hit the crossbar and bounced to unmarked Rob

O'Shea. He quickly centred to Phil O'Connor whose shot sent the people in the grandstand scurrying for cover.

Jones hit the post in the 78th minute after a pass by Utjesenovic.

Only a minute later, a header by Grosse seemed destined for the goalkeeper's left hand-corner, but Hansen made an amazing save.

Another header, this time by O'Shea in the 78th minute, hit the post making the score read: Hellas 2 goals, St. George 3 woodworks.

During their desperate attempts to score, St. George were wide open at the back, giving their opponents numerous chances. Stuart Baxter in the 72nd minute, Duncan Cummings in the 85th and 86th had only Martin Coe to beat, but their shooting was off target.

After 90 minutes Hellas ran out the deserved winners.

Their team, ably led by Bertie Lutton, controlled midfield, were steady in the defence and very dangerous when counter attacking. Hansen, Rogers, Pye, Baxter and Cummings were most impressive.

After the game an elated Dave McLaren told the reporters: "Hellas are going to be the team to beat this year."

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MARCONI A LETHAL MACHINE

By BRUCE WADDELL

All of Rale Rasic's bitter memories of Perry Park late in 1977 were erased by Marconi's scintillating 3-0 win over Brisbane Lions.

Lions, with a new-look side and new coach Brian Daykin, simply were never in the hunt.

Marconi, with their only changes from last year being Mark Jankovic and Ernie Campbell and Roberto Vieri for Ray Richards, were a machine-like lethal combination.

Daykin's plans received an early setback when new signing Paul Ontong was declared unfit to take his place in the side.

He probably should have had Steve Amor for company in the stand, as the West Adelaide signing also looked well below peak fitness.

Apart from that, Lions virtually stood back and watched as Vieri and Jim Rooney were allowed to run long and unimpeded for most of the match.

Lions' casual attitude and apparent unwillingness to tackle also allowed centre back John Russell and skilful left-back Paul Degney to make countless demoralising attacking bursts.

Degney and the almost arrogant Vieri were the key men in a faultless Marconi outfit.

Vieri doesn't put much physical effort into his game and in fact barely raises a sweat during the entire 90



Lions 0. Marconi 3

minutes. He seems to be strolling as he accepts a pass and almost immediately whisks it away with deadly accuracy to a support.

He doesn't chase any loose stuff either, but really does not have to when he has men like Rooney and Gary Byrne playing alongside him.

Degney is a fearless tackler, consistent attacker, and is developing into one of the best left backs in the country.

Lions had two brief moments of hope in the first half.

Barrie Fairbrother just failed to turn in a good headed pass from John Neale and later an Alan Hughes header trickled inches wide following Jim Hermiston's cross from the right.

Rod McKenzie twice saved certain goals in the first half when he came out quickly to stifle separate Vieri, Sharne and Jankovic-Rooney raids.

But later his positioning and confidence were affected no doubt because of the way his backline was falling to

cope with the marauding Marconi blue shirts.

Marconi were restricted to a lone goal in the first half.

In the 27th minute Sharne dashed down the middle with Hermiston coming across in cover. Bertie Mariani's presence attracted two Lions defenders and Sharne noticed McKenzie in two minds before slotting his shot home off the right hand up-right.

Marconi continued their onslaught with two more goals within eight minutes of the second half. They could have had a fourth later but Mariani's shot hit the crossbar.

Goal No. 2 began with a perfect pass from Vieri, which landed in front of Degney as he charged down the left wing.

Mariani again acted as decoy, running towards Degney, but the fullback's cross eluded everyone except Jankovic who scored the easiest of goals.

Gary Byrne's quick thinking in the midfield and Sharne's tremendous acceleration again created the opening which minutes later let Jankovic in for his second goal, to complete a strong debut for Marconi.

Lions' most consistent was left back Alan Niven



J.U.S.T.'s John Nicolaides who scored the winning goal.

Fisher the hero



West 1 Olympic 0.

By Bobby McLachlan

The deciding moment came in the 75th minute when Olympic defender Stuart Markland seemed to misjudge a long through ball from Warren Turnbull. Eighteen-year-old Alan Fisher ran onto it and calmly beat advancing goalkeeper Gary Meier to score the winning goal.

Olympic started exceptionally well, forcing two corners in the first three minutes, and was in command for much of the first half.

West got into the game because its midfield trio of Stone, Harding and new player O'Donnell, operated as a unit rather than as individuals, and because the team played fast, one-touch soccer.

However, West's forwards could make little headway against the hard and tough tackles of Markland and Dave McIntosh (Paul Coton wasn't playing).

The game was marred by petty fouling, but referee Jim Reeves did a good job, and the players certainly weren't spiteful.

Nevertheless, five of them were shown the yellow card — Markland, McIntosh, Luckett, Noble and O'Donnell.

Olympic coach Tommy Anderson must have been happy with the sharpness of Derek Laing, the new forward from Dundee in Scotland.

Laing is fast and ambitious.

He looked particularly good as he outpaced Peter Wilson and Bobby Noble on a run to goal and slipped the ball past Terry Eaton, only to see it roll just wide of the post.

West's new players Vernon and O'Donnell also looked promising.

It was a match that promised so much, but didn't quite live up to expectations.

A draw would have been the fairest result. On general play, Olympic didn't deserve to lose.

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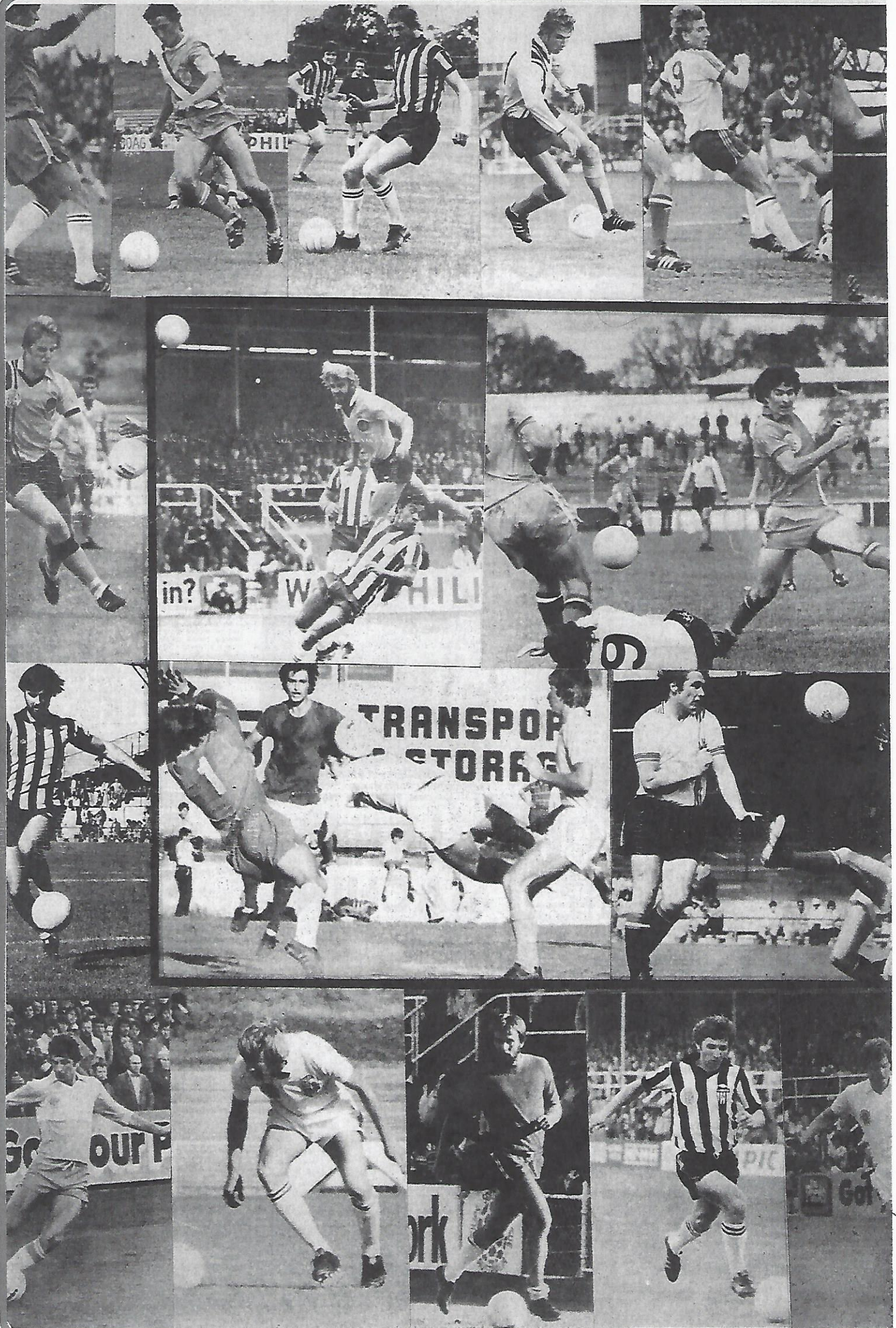
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Belfonte's most memorable goals are in the centre panel. They are, from left:

• George Gillan (Alexander), rising high above Geoff Ontong to head one home against Mooroolbark;

• Branko Buljevic (Alexander), his face the mask of determination, smashes in a goal against Brisbane Lions;

• Zdravko Borovnica, one of the Red Star Belgrade players who spent two weeks on loan to Footscray J.U.S.T. last year, beats South Melbourne. Hellas goalkeeper Jack Reilly, as Mike Pye arrives too late;

• J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Dennis Boland goes the wrong way as Marconi's Bertie Mariani dives in with a header. The J.U.S.T. defender is Jim Kriaris and at right is Peter Sharpe;

• Ken Reed (George Cross), top goalscorer in the Victorian State League last season, heads past desperate Slavia defender Jim Symington, with goalkeeper Peter Clarke on the ground;

• Dixie Deane (Adelaide Juventus), 1977 top scorer in the Phillips League, heads one past Mooroolbark goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff. In the background are Mooroolbark's Peter Vaughan (now Hellas), and Juventus' Brian Northcote.

The players around the central panel, starting from top left and going around to the right:

• Malcolm Macdonald, the Arsenal star who guested with SM-Hellas last year;

• Peter Sharpe (Marconi);

• Mick Watkins (Juventus), 1977 Victorian Player of the Year;

• Branko Buljevic (Alexander);

• John Kosmina (Australia and West Adelaide), followed by Iran's goalkeeper;

• Ken Reed (George Cross);

• Hilton Silva (Hakoah-East);

• Dino DeMarchi (Juventus, Vic), now with Fawkner;

• Ernie Campbell, then with Marconi, now with Hakoah-East;

• Brian Northcote (Adelaide Juventus);

• Paul Hallam (Preston Makedonia);

• Rob O'Shea (St George);

• Neville Morgan (St. George);

• Billy Rogers (SM-Hellas);

• Peter Ollerion (SM-Hellas);

• Duncan Cummings (SM-Hellas);

• John Nyakohus (Adelaide Juventus);

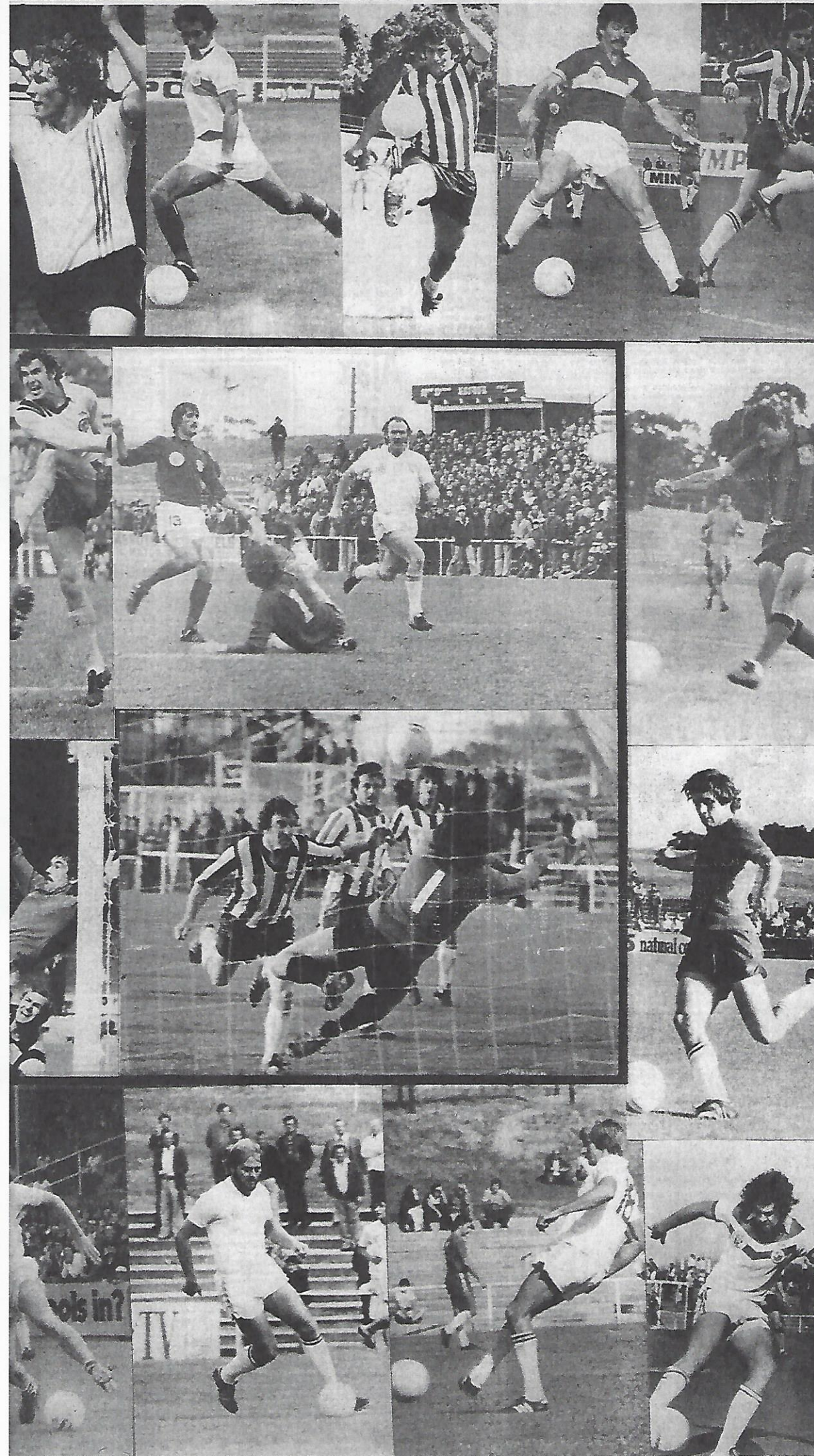
• Peter Heneman (St George);

• Bertie Lutton (SM-Hellas);

• Terry Smith (Hakoah-East);

• Claude Lucchesi (Juventus, Vic);

• Gary Cole (Alexander).



JUVENTUS, ALBION ARE BEST BETS

Essendon-Croatia is definitely in the Ampol Cup semi-finals and Makedonia is 99 per cent certain of getting there, and with the last preliminary round to be played this week, five teams are vying for the remaining two places.

Juventus and George Cross are the candidates in Section A, and Albion Leyland, Sunshine and Slavia are the contenders in Section B.

The most likely outcome is that Juventus and Albion will get there, although Albion faces a tough battle against rampaging Ringwood.

GEORGE CROSS v HAKOAH
(Friday, 7.30 pm, Olympic Park)

Despite some serious unrest at George Cross, spirits are still high in some quarters — at least high enough for this game.

Big John Webb was full of confidence after the Cross' victory over Frankston last week. He believes the Cross is still strong enough to beat anyone.

Kevin Walker found scoring touch with two fine goals, Paul Murphy is as good as ever in midfield and Ken Reed has decided to play on — at least until he can find another club.

Hakoah has made wholesale changes, and its attack has been boosted by the return of Mike Clarey from Mooroolbark. However, although the team is bound to improve, it is not yet good enough to beat the Cross.

Our tip: GEORGE CROSS.

SLAVIA v MAKEDONIA
(Friday, 9 pm, Olympic Park)

Don't be surprised if Slavia wins this match, despite all the ballyhoo surrounding new-look Makedonia.

Steve Bennie, Carl Gilder, Jim Williams and newcomer John Paton are firing in attack for Slavia and Tommy Randles playing just in front of the back four, has provided the team with added stability.

If Peter Clarke returns to goal, Makedonia will be struggling to score. Not only will Clarke stand in the way, but also Jim Symington and Randles himself.

Makedonia's midfield hasn't really fired meaning Slavia could win in that department, and thus take the game.

Our tip: SLAVIA.

ALTONA v SUNSHINE
(Saturday, 7.30 pm, Olympic Park)

Nat Little and Mick Banagan had injury problems last week and their return to full fitness will make Altona much better than it was last week.

Keith Murray could also return after missing last week's game.

Altona coach Joe Wilson has been following the commendable policy of bleeding young players — Innes, Pleasa, Landrou and of course the talented Alan Davidson (who can play much better than he did last week).

Sunshine will also improve from last week. Its defence was embarrassingly square last week against Slavia, and coach Bill Walsh is obviously working to rectify that fault.

Sunshine should win because it is a generally more experienced team, and its forwards are better.

Our tip: SUNSHINE.

ESSENDON CROATIA v GG-AJAX
(Saturday 9 pm, Olympic Park)

As usual, Andy Segi takes a little while to play himself into top form, but he's improving week by week and he explodes on Saturday. Croatia may be in trouble.

David Perkin has held the good form he showed in the first game against Frankston, and last week the third forward, Gerry Tribuzio, also fired.

What's more, Nick Cook provided good support from midfield and John Patten, moved from defence to midfield, added further drive.

In other words, Ajax is starting to shape up into probably a better team than it was last year.

However, it's not good enough to beat undefeated Croatia, whose midfield trio of Howard Andrews, Alan Kerr and Branko Culina will cause all kinds of problems.

Billy Vojtek, who has been training enthusiastically after his Achilles tendon operation, will make himself available for selection this week, providing an added attraction for the crowd.

Our tip: CROATIA.

RINGWOOD v ALBION LEYLAND
(Sunday, 1.30 pm, Frankston City's Ground)

Of course Albion will be going flat out for victory, but a narrow defeat would not be too costly, as Albion has a goal average good enough to get it into the finals.

It's anyone's game. Ringwood is sound in defence. Keith Adams and Ron Verniers are firing in midfield, with Greg Schott doing the defensive work there, and Richard Plumb, John O'Callaghan and Brian Thom are proving an effective attacking force.

On the other hand, Albion also has many winners — Alan Quinn on the wing, Kit Grechan in midfield, Jim Daperis at right back, Noel Mitten in attack and Bill McCormack in the air.

The lure of a finals spot should motivate Albion sufficiently to notch up another victory, especially if Mick D'Sylva returns to the team.

Our tip: ALBION.

JUVENTUS v FRANKSTON
(Sunday, 3 pm, Frankston's Ground)

This match could end in a scoreless draw and be decided on penalties.

Neither team has attackers who can match the opposing defences, for those defences are two of the best in the league.

Look at those names — Walker, Pletzer, Tarquin of Juventus; Irvine, Vince Bannan, Gillespie of Frankston.

Juventus can't afford to lose. It holds second place in Section A and coach Bobby Thomson isn't about to let a finals berth slip through his fingers.

Our tip: JUVENTUS.



Noel Mitten

Clarey back but Ajax wins

GREEN GULLY AJAX 3
(Tribuzzi 2, Perkin)

HAKOAH 2 (Valli, Smith).

GREEN GULLY: Denis 8, Klein 8, Donaldson 7, Barnes 6 (R. Turner 40th).

HAKOAH: Tsakakis 7, Valli 6, Thomson 7, Jordan 7, S. Nagy 5, (P. Harbom 60th), Gadsby 6, McNeil 6, Edmondson 7, Adamakis 6, Clarey 8, Smith 7.

Green Gully met Hakoah at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday in a match very important for both teams.

Hakoah was out to prove it was not as bad as suggested by the 6-0 thrashing it had received the week before.

Gully was doing its best to impress Duncan McKay, present at the match to decide whether to take over at Ajax.

Hakoah made wholesale changes, bringing in keeper Peter Tsakakis, Chris Valli, David Thomson, Mike Smith and Mike Clarey in place of Amiel, Talner, Blair, Mandall and Bozinovski.

Clarey was signed back in midweek from Mooroolbark. He added bite up front but missed a sitter in the last minute of normal time, blasting the ball over the bar from inside the six yard box when it would have been easier to score.

Gully started off well and tested Tsakakis twice before going ahead in the 13th minute. Gerry Tribuzzi nodding into the net following a Joe Thompson long throw-in, but with the crowd still cheering for the goal Hakoah equalised straight from the kick-off through Chris Valli who gave Denys no chance with a shot from close in.

With the result still in the balance, the match swung from one end to the other and both sides came close to scoring.

Peter Donaldson forced a good save from Tsakakis with a swerving shot from outside the area.

At the other end Denys did well to turn a Clarey shot for a corner.

Hakoah hit the front in the 31st minute through Mike Smith who intercepted a back pass by Mick Cook and slipped the ball into the net.

The second half by comparison was an anti-climax and the match was dying a slow death.

Ten minutes from the end Tribuzzi made his way down the left flank, beat Wray and crossed for David Perkin to collect, sideslip a defender and place the ball into the corner of the net for the best goal of the game.

Tribuzzi capped a fine game by scoring Green Gully's third goal in extra time, thus giving his team a welcome win in a week of upheaval.

The ball was knocked through and Cumming took off after it. The Juve defence appealed for offside and indeed Cumming looked to be in an offside position.

However, the linesman's flag stayed down and the referee allowed play to continue.

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First kick, and Mitten scores

ALBION LEYLAND 2 (Mitten 1st, Greechan 34th)
MAKEDONIA 1 (Oliver own goal 18th).

ALBION: Oliver 5; Daperis 8, Nisbet 6, Malkousis 7, Johnstone 8; Lenders 5, Bentley 5, Greechan 6 (D'Sylva 65th); Mitten 6, McCormack 5, Quinn 6.

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 5; Hooper 5 (McMillan 41st), Brewerton 5, Glasston 5, Glenning 5, Gelevski 5 (Fishery 5, half time), McClymont 6, Lesbrel 5, Halim 7, Petrovski 6, Beech 6.

Albion Leyland caused the biggest upset of the Ampol Cup so far by downing previously unbeaten Makedonia 2-1 at Olympic Park on Friday night.

Noel Mitten, transferred from South Melbourne Hellas, scored the first goal in the first minute with his first kick for his new club.

Mitten smashed the ball home from beside the post after Bill McCormack had headed on a cross.

The Irish striker should be a big hit with Albion. He showed in his few games with Hellas that he has the scoring touch and he should make good use of the balls nodded down by big McCormack.

Albion's collection of talented players is already quite impressive. Mike D'Sylva, George Malkousis, Kit Grechan, Alan Quinn, Jim Daperis, Mitten, McCormack and former George Cross forward Derek Doolan who is not yet 18. That's as strong a nucleus as you could wish for.

Let's also give full marks to coach Tommy McPherson, the former George Cross star. McPherson hasn't been in the job long, yet has already helped to guide Albion to the Ampol Cup semi.

Makedonia the match was only a temporary setback. It will probably give the team and coach Bill Dumbrell greater determination to succeed in the finals.

However, it must be said that the ball play of both sides on Friday night was quite atrocious.

Passes went wildly astray and it was only on rare occasions that more than two passes were strung together.

Half the time players appeared disinterested in where the ball was headed. Like the average 11-year-old centre back, these players kept pumping the ball aimlessly upfield.

Makedonia did most of this hefty booting. Instead of trying to out-play the Albion defence, Makenia tried to smash it with pure force.

The only man who tried to be creative was Paul Hallam. He ran back, laid off the ball, came forward again, waiting for the return ball which rarely came to him.

It was a mistake by Albion goalkeeper Jeff Oliver that put Mitten back into the game after Mitten had scored for Albion.

Oliver fumbled a free kick from Steve Beech and pushed it into his own net to level the scores in the 18th minute.

Albion's winning goal was just as remarkable.

Kit Grechan, who later went off injured, scored it from 50 metres, with coooper Peter Laumets scrambling back in vain after being caught on the edge of his penalty area.

Fishery came on for Gelevski at half time and shortly afterwards, George McMillan replaced Gary Hooper in an attempt to strengthen the Makedonia defence.

If McMillan's absence from the opening line-up had been surprising, Mike D'Sylva's absence from albion's team was even more so.

Right in the end, Jim Daperis, the smallest player on the field, was the star as Albion defended its lead in the second half.

—LAURIE SCHWAB.

Lucchese to move

Brilliant Juventus (Vic.) midfielder Claude Lucchese wants a transfer.

Lucchese, 22, said he had had a dispute with Juventus.

Any club interested in signing him can contact him on 560 1537. Lucchese has been with Juventus for five years.

Before that he was with Waverley City where he played as a junior.

He was in the Victorian under 14, and under 16 and under 21 teams and in the Victorian senior squad.

As an under 14, he was named in the national squad for that age group.

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Tarax gain

Jovan Milinovic, who played centre back for Footscray J.U.S.T. and who has also joined Victorian Industrial League team Tarax.

Nubrick scores

Results of the Victorian Nubrick Shield competition: Springvale 2 Dandenong 2, Doveton 3 Waverley 0.

Top coach

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Was Cumming's goal off-side?

ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Cumming, 56th. min.)
JUVENTUS 0.

CROATIA: Petrovski 6; Siant 7, Gardiner 6, Kokoska 6, Bilaver 6, Culina 6, Kerr 7, Andrews 6, Cumming 6, Krncovic 6, Davidson 5 (Kuzmanov, 46th. min.)

JUVENTUS: Harby 7, Sabadini 6, Walker 6, Pfister 5, Tarquino 6, Sabidussi 6, Smith 6, Sampanli 6, J. Lucchesi 5, Curcio 6, Watkins 6.

A trend that has developed over the past few years has been that big games, which on paper look very attractive, often turn out to be fizzlers.

Look at, for example, the 1977 F.A. Cup final between Liverpool and Manchester United, two of Britain's strongest and best supported clubs.

Even though there were over a dozen internationals on the field, including skilful and creative players Kevin Keegan and Steve Heighway (Liverpool), and Gordon Hill and Steve Coppell (Manchester), the game never

looked like coming up to expectations.

Similarly, this Ampol Cup game was also a flop, although in no way can you compare it with the 1977 F.A. Cup final.

However, it was the same in that neither side took any risks and as a result the game lacked flair and excitement.

Neither team had lost a game before this match and headed the section A table. Juventus on top by virtue of goal average.

On that point, I think it would be better if goal difference were used

to separate teams with the same number of points. Before this round, Croatia had scored six and conceded one. Juventus had netted three, but not let any into its own net.

Because of that, Juve was on top, but it would be better to reward good attacking, rather than good defending as it's goals that bring the crowds in.

Croatia was without the injured Ken Murphy, but was able to play star midfielder Alan Kerr, who had been unavailable the previous week because of technicalities over his loan from Croatia Perth.

You could count the number of half chances for goals in this game on one hand.

Both defences were tight and midfielders were quick in helping their back fours repel any attacks.

Tony Curcio tried the whole game but any time he threatened he was hacked down.

Mick Watkins was kept out of the game and at the other end Eddie Krncovic and Alan Davidson were nullified as well.

Early in the game there was a scramble in the Juve six-yard box but the ball was eventually kicked away for a corner.

News that captain Charlie Smith may be transferring shocked Juve fans. They will be hoping Smith can settle his dis-

ferences with the club and will resign.

The linesmen were kept busy as both defences used the offside trap whenever possible. Some decisions looked a little dubious and the vocal Croatian fans showed their displeasure whenever a Croatia player was ruled offside.

It is unfortunate that Juve doesn't have the same support as it did back in the 1950s and early 60s, as a big vocal backing, like Croatia has, certainly lifts a team.

There were only two notable occasions that a player got past the offside trap.

Branko Culina slipped clear in the 47th minute, but he shot wide when faced by Mike Harby who had raced out of goal.

The second time it was Tommy Cumming and it led to the winning goal.

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STANDINGS

Ampol Cup standings with one round to go before the finals:

SECTION A	W	L	F	A	P
Ess. Croatia	4	0	13	1	6
Juventus	3	2	5	5	4
Geo Cross	2	2	5	5	4
GG-Ajax	1	3	8	5	2
Frankston	1	3	8	5	2
Hakoah	0	3	2	12	0
SECTION B	W	L	F	A	P
Makedonia	1	3	19	2	6
Albion	1	3	19	2	6
Sunshine	2	2	7	8	4

Top scorers: 5. McCormack (Albion), O'Callaghan (Ring.), 3. Cumming (Geo Cross), 2. McMillan (Mak), Smith (Juve), Eadie (Franks.), 2. Nelson (Sun), Perkin (Ajax), 2. Paton (Slavia), Symington (Slavia), Gilder (Slavia), Adams (Mak), Tribuzio (Ajax), Walker (GC).

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Penalties sink Sunshine

SLAVIA 5 (Symington 2, pen 3rd. min., pen 19th min., Short, 47th. min. Gilder 2, 50th min., 60th. min.) SUNSHINE 3 (McRobert, 38th. min., D. Nelson, 49th. min., R. Nelson 70th. min.)

SLAVIA: Eamer, 5; Thomson 6; Symington 6; Westley 5 (Kitchin 50th. min.); Short 6; Randles 6; Train 6; Bennie 8; Williams 7; Gilder 7; Paton 6; SUNSHINE: Johnson 6; Russell 5; Dixey 6; Piotrowski 6; Howe 6; McCarthy 5; Banagan (injured, Gilmour 6, 15th. min.); R. Nelson 6; Pocock 6; D. Nelson 5; McRobert 5.

Before the game in the Sunshine dressing rooms, a cassette player blasted out a song by English rock star Elton John which had the chorus 'Saturday night's alright for fighting'.

However, the sound must have drifted into the Slavia rooms as the Prahan boys jumped Sunshine in the opening minutes and gave it a battering.

Sunshine didn't recover from a blow in the third minute of the game — a penalty goal by Jim Symington.

The ball ran loose in the Sunshine 18-yard box and the elusive Steve Bennie stepped in to put it into the net, but was pulled back by Ian McCarthy.

Had McCarthy not done so, Bennie wouldn't have had any trouble scoring.

The referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty.

The goal stunned Sunshine, but did wonders for Slavia. Bennie was everywhere and was supported in midfield by Jim Train, who had come back into the team after sitting on the bench last week. Jim Williams won the ball on the left for Slavia in the 11th minute and he gave a good ball to Bennie who had made position on the edge of the penalty area.

Bennie hit the ball on the run, but it went wide.

Ray Pocock obviously didn't like the way things were going. Twice he tried to burgle his way through the Slavia defence but managed only to run into a wall of defenders.

Bennie hit the post in the 12th minute after turning brilliantly in a tight space just outside the six-yard box.

Sunshine was slowly coming back into the game, but in the 16th minute its hopes of a recovery were shot to pieces when Slavia was awarded another penalty.

The penalty decision looked a little harsh.

Goalkeeper Bill Johnson had come out to collect a ball and Mike Dixey, in trying to protect his keeper, got a little over-enthusiastic and knocked over the oncoming John Paton.

Paton had little chance of scoring but nevertheless Dixey's action was not necessary.

Symington made no mistake from the spot.

Slavia was all over Sunshine and looked 10 times better than it had the previous week against Ringwood.

Carl Gilder was an effective target man and Paton and Williams gave width and variation to the Slavia attack.

Player-coach Tommy Randles used his experience to save his legs and was solid when tackling in his defensive midfield role.

Sunshine wasn't given the chance to open up, and don't write it off as a challenge for the State League title.

In the Slavia goal was Eddie Eamer, an import from New Zealand club Technical. His kicking was shocking, but he must be given the chance to acclimatise.

Slavia went in at half time with a two goal lead, but it was reduced when Jim McRobert scored for Sunshine three minutes after resumption.

Then came a hectic and exciting five minutes in which three goals were scored.

Williams put in a low cross for Steve Short to make it 3-1 in the 47th minute.

Dave Nelson made it 3-2 with a rocket left-foot shot after some good lead-up work by Terry Banagan.

Carl Gilder cemented a Slavia victory when he made it 4-2 soon after.

Just to make sure, he put in another 10 minutes from the end. It was a superbly taken goal by Gilder. Williams put over a cross that found Gilder and the State representative trapped it with ease and picked his spot through a maze of players.

Rob Nelson grabbed a goal on the whistle to make it 5-3 and end an eventful and entertaining match.

KYLE PATTERSON.



Ringwood midfielder Ron Verniers (light shirt) goes in to tackle Keith Ackers of Altona. At left is Mick Banagan and at right David Garthwaite.

A HEAVYWEIGHT PERFORMANCE!

RINGWOOD CITY 4 (O'Callaghan 20th, 39th, 60th, 66th) ALTONA 0.

RINGWOOD: Wilding 6, Kupinic 5, Garthwaite 6, Luytan 6, de Bruyckere 6, Adams 6, Schott 5, Verniers 8, Plumb 6, O'Callaghan 9, Thom 7.

ALTONA: van der Poel 5; Plessa 4; Ignatidis 4; Gramsbergen 6; S. Train 5; Innes 5; Davidson 5; Ackers 4; Taylor 4; Little 3 (Waterman 53rd); Banagan 4 (Landrou 60th).

Tubby John O'Callaghan answered jibes about his weight by scoring all the goals in Ringwood City's 4-0 win over Altona in their Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park on Friday night.

O'Callaghan's excess weight certainly didn't hamper him although he is accustomed more to playing in midfield than in attack.

His job was made easier by the good midfield play of Keith Adams and Ron Verniers, both former full backs.

What's more, former Mooroolbark player Brian Thom finally clicked in attack and figured in many dangerous moves. His only fault was that he sometimes overdid his footwork when he should have passed the ball.

Coach Freddy Bunce had once again reshuffled his line-up in his systematic search for the best formation. This time, Benny de Bruyckere moved to left back and John Luytan to centre back.

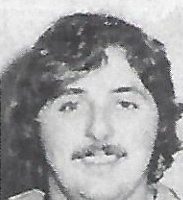
Ringwood has shown gradual improvement since its 0-3 loss to Makedonia in the first round.

However, it was as much due to Altona's shoddiness that Ringwood notched up such a big score.

O'Callaghan slaughtered the centre of Altona's defence. Con Ignatidis, who had been shifted there from the forward line, was helpless against the little Ringwood striker, and Bob Gramsbergen couldn't hold him either.

However, Gramsbergen tried hard to motivate his team, by prompting continuously and storming forward to try to do something up front.

Adams and Verniers were in a class of their own as midfielders in this game. Their



John O'Callaghan work rate and the accuracy and variation of their passing were excellent.

The Altona attack was practically non-existent, giving David Garthwaite and John Luytan a leisurely evening.

Meeting over Cross unrest

GEORGE CROSS 2 (Walker 2) FRANKSTON 1 (Eadie).

CROSS: Magro 6, McConville 7, Webb 7, Maitland 6, Barron 6, Kelly 6, Murphy 6, Cutler 6, Paterson 7, Reed 6, Walker 7.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 5, V. Bannan 6, Gillespie 6, Irvine 6, Williamson 4, Campbell 5 (Taylor 52nd min.), Tulloch 8, Webster 6, G. Bannan 6, McGregor 7, Eadie 6, injured (Fakes, 62nd min.).

George Cross was able to forget the unrest and infighting in the club and grab two points from this game.

Frankston was once again disappointing and is having trouble working as a unit. At the moment the three lines in the team — defence, midfield and attack — are not linking up.

Alex Tulloch fought a lone battle in midfield for Frankston and stood head and shoulders above his team mates when it came to effort and application.

Lou Kestner refused to play and his place was taken by young reserve Vic Magro.

Kestner, who wants a transfer,

O'Callaghan got his first goal when he free-kicked a knee-high cross from Richard Plumb into the net from close range.

Altona tried to hit back quickly, with Ackers and Banagan going through with a one-two, but Ackers' shot to the near post was saved well by Paul Wilding.

The second goal came four minutes after half time. Verniers launched a long shot at goal and O'Callaghan nipped in to deflect it into the net.

Jim Waterman came on for the struggling Nat Little in the 53rd minute and later Landrou replaced Banagan in an unsuccessful attempt to pep up Altona's forward line.

O'Callaghan struck again in the 60th minute by heading home a cross from the left wing and soon after took advantage of an Altona defensive mistake to daintily slip the ball just inside the far post.

—LAURIE SCHWAB.



AMPOL CUP

SUTHERLAND AND MELITA IN THE FINAL

The Ampol Cup semi-finals went according to plan, at least the results that is. The crowd of 2762 was a far cry from the expected 5000 plus, mainly due to the start of the Philips League.

Why on earth they (NSW S.F. and Philips League) couldn't come to terms over the venues for the three games played on Sunday is beyond me. Ampol Cup semi-finals, played without their main draw cards (Croatia, Apia and Avala), had very little chance of pulling in the crowds against the two first round Philips League games played on the same day.

This week the Cup final will be played on Sunday again, this time at Garside Park, so at least the NSW S.F. will not have to fork out as much as they would have had to, had the game been played again at the Sports Ground.

Johnny Watties, the former Apia, Hakoah and Australian international came out of retirement to steer his side into the second successive Ampol Cup final.

It was Watties who showed the way to his injury-hit team.

In the sixth minute his pass found Craig Hall in the penalty area and the young forward slammed the ball past Palec to give Sutherland the lead.

From then on the game developed into a midfield scramble, with neither team able to break and score. Monaro seemed to have had a slight territorial advantage, but their forwards were unable to create a chance, let alone seriously challenge Malcolm Haynes.

Then, with nine minutes to go, ex Apia player Tony Morsello came on as a substitute and scored to give his team new hope of reaching the final. However, only two minutes later, ex-Wollongong City player Peter Beggs was on the spot to score the winning goal for Sutherland.

With Joe Farrugia firing on all cylinders, Melite Eagles, the Rothmans League newcomers are poised to do the 'Avala' in last year.

Their win against Arncliffe Scots, despite a narrow margin of 2:1, was never in doubt, as Melita players showed class that none of the other semi-finalists could match.

After Ian McGovern had shot his team into the lead after 19 minutes of play, Melita looked poised for a big win. They played all over Arncliffe, but forgot a fundamental of the game — the opponents' goal.

The best move of the game was registered in the 42nd minute. Joe Farrugia the outstanding player in the Melita line-up, squared the ball to unmarked Ian McGovern.

McGovern's volley gave Cuneo another chance to collect the ball from the net as it soared past him.

With 10 minutes to go Arncliffe scored through Muskovits, but it seemed far too late to change the position on the winning dias.

— G. Volkan

Victoria for last berth

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Azzurri, Polonia and Lion have qualified for the SA Ampol Cup semi-finals and Victoria are on the verge of qualification with one round left.

Azzurri heads the table despite drawing 1-1 with Victoria on Friday night while Croatia scored its first win of the competition to give it a ray of hope for qualification.

Croatia beat Beograd which looks most unlikely of snatching fourth place.

Croatia played above its recent form and a goal from new signing John Pope in the 33rd minute was enough to give it victory.

Beograd had their chances to score but Croatia held on.

In the early game Azzurri charged to a 1-0 lead with a goal from Ross Russo in the 27th minute but Victoria

scored a vital equaliser in the 55th minute.

Russo's penalty goal, his first of the competition, was struck well. It was awarded after Tim Alder was brought down in the area.

Victoria looked the better side in the opening minutes but the loss of Danny Dance to Adelaide City possibly ruined its chances of victory.

Dance signed last week with the PSL club after scoring twice against Beograd.

He played his first match against Footscray J.U.S.T. at the weekend.

Both Victoria and Azzurri had their chances in the second half but failed to capitalise.

SA Ampol Cup standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Azzurri	5	3	1	1	7	5
Polonia	4	2	1	1	8	4
Lion	4	2	1	1	7	5
Victoria	5	1	1	2	6	5
Croatia	4	1	3	1	3	5
Beograd	4	1	0	3	4	6

A draw and a wrestle

ELTHAM 2 (Gooney 2, including pen.) BOX HILL 2 (Berardini, Taylor).

Eltham started its preparation for the Victorian season with a trial game against Box Hill.

Eltham did well to get a draw as it was the team's first game and many of the players were new and not used to the style or their team mates.

Box Hill used the game to try out new players, but the overall standard was high with Eltham's Les Gooney, a former winner of the Metropolitan player of the Year award, prominent in the midfield.

Danny Dick was kept busy in the Eltham goal and made some fine saves.

An unnecessary wrestling match on the field involving Graham Morgan, the Box Hill keeper, and John Cochran, was the only black mark on what was an entertaining encounter.

BENDIGO'S TRIUMPH

Bendigo City won the Benalla six-a-side competition at the weekend, beating Wodonga Diamonds 5-0 in the final.

Semi-final results were: Bendigo City 2 Kyabram 0; Wodonga Diamonds 2 Benalla 1.

About 300 people watched the competition, contested by 16 teams.

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Brown back

Victorian State League club Altona City will bring brilliant midfielder Alby Brown back from the U.K. before the winter season starts.

Brown, 27, who played for Sutherland in England, played for Altona for part of last season, before he returned home due to ill health.

With Alan Davidson playing virtually a lone hand in Altona's midfield, the club committee decided last week to get Brown back.

Brown had previously written to Altona, offering to return.



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STATE LEAGUE

ROUND 1 — 18TH/19TH MARCH

Toongabbie v Granville P'matta, SUNDAY, Girraween Park.
Sutherland Shire v M'ville Olympic, Saturday, Seymour Shaw.
Inter Monaro v Manly Warringah, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.
Apla-Leichhardt v Auburn, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.
Avala v Yugal, SUNDAY, Knight Park.

ROUND 2 — 25TH/26TH MARCH

Inter Monaro v Granville P'matta, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.
Toongabbie v Sutherland Shire, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.
M'ville Olympic v Arncliffe Scots, Saturday, Arlington Oval.
Manly Warringah v Apla-Leichhardt, SUNDAY, Cromer Park.
Yugal v Auburn, SUNDAY.

Melita Eagles v Avala, SUNDAY, Garside Park.

Croatia Sydney v Bankstown, SUNDAY.

ROUND 3 — 1ST/2ND APRIL

Granville P'matta v Apla-Leichhardt, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Sutherland Shire v Inter Monaro, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.
M'ville Olympic v Toongabbie, Saturday, Arlington Oval.
Manly Warringah v Yugal, SUNDAY, Cromer Park.
Auburn v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Mena Park.

Avala v Bankstown, Saturday, Knight Park.

Arncliffe Scots v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 4 — 8TH/9TH APRIL

Yugal v Granville P'matta, SUNDAY, Concord Oval.
Apla-Leichhardt v Sutherland Shire, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.
Inter Monaro v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.
Toongabbie v Arncliffe Scots, Saturday, Girraween Park.
Melita Eagles v Manly Warringah, Saturday, Garside Park.
Bankstown v Auburn, SUNDAY, Soccer Centre.

Croatia Sydney v Avala, SUNDAY.

ROUND 5 — 15TH/16TH APRIL

Granville P'matta v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Sutherland Shire v Yugal, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.
M'ville Olympic v Apla-Leichhardt, Saturday, Arlington Oval.
Toongabbie v Inter Monaro, Saturday, Girraween Park.
Manly Warringah v Bankstown, SUNDAY, Cromer Park.
Auburn v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Mena Park.

Arncliffe Scots v Avala, SUNDAY, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 6 — 22ND/23RD APRIL

Bankstown v Granville P'matta, SUNDAY, Soccer Centre.
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Yugal v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Concord Oval.
Apla-Leichhardt v Toongabbie, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.
Inter Monaro v Arncliffe Scots, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.
Croatia Sydney v Manly Warringah, Saturday.

Avala v Auburn, SUNDAY, Knight Park.

ROUND 7 — 29TH/30TH APRIL

Granville P'matta v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Sutherland Shire v Bankstown, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.
M'ville Olympic v Melita Eagles, Saturday, Arlington Oval.
Toongabbie v Yugal, SUNDAY, Girraween Park.
Inter Monaro v Apla-Leichhardt, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.
Manly Warringah v Avala, SUNDAY, Cromer Park.

Arncliffe Scots v Auburn, SUNDAY, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 8 — 6TH/7TH MAY

Avala v Granville P'matta, Saturday, Knight Park.
Croatia Sydney v Sutherland Shire, SUNDAY.
Bankstown v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Soccer Centre.
Melita Eagles v Toongabbie, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Yugal v Inter Monaro, SUNDAY, Concord Oval.

Apla-Leichhardt v Arncliffe Scots, Saturday, Lambert Park.

Auburn v Manly Warringah, SUNDAY, Mena Park.

ROUND 9 — 16TH/17TH SEPTEMBER

Granville P'matta v Auburn, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Sutherland Shire v Avala, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.
M'ville Olympic v Croatia Sydney, Saturday, Arlington Oval.
Toongabbie v Bankstown, SUNDAY, Girraween Park.
Inter Monaro v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.
Apla-Leichhardt v Yugal, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.

Arncliffe Scots v Manly Warringah, SUNDAY, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 1 — 18TH/19TH MARCH

Revesby Workers v Ku-Ring-Gai, SUNDAY, Milperra Reserve.
Blacktown United v Marrickville, Saturday, Francis Park.
North Sydney Inter v Queens Park, SUNDAY.
Belmore v Polonia, Saturday, Bick Oval.

Gladesville Hby v Warringah, SUNDAY, Morrison Bay Park.

Uni of NSW v Guildford Wdrs, SUNDAY, David Phillips Field.

ROUND 2 — 25TH/26TH MARCH

Marrickville v Revesby Workers, Saturday, Mackay Park.
Ku-Ring-Gai v Uni of NSW, SUNDAY, Parklands Oval.
Queens Park v Blacktown United, SUNDAY, Erskineville Oval.
Polonia v North Sydney Inter, SUNDAY, Choplín Park.
Warringah v Belmore, SUNDAY, Graham Reserve.

Guildford Wdrs v Gladesville Hby, Saturday, Guildford Park.

ROUND 3 — 1ST/2ND APRIL

Revesby Workers v Queens Park, SUNDAY, Milperra Reserve.
Ku-Ring-Gai v Marrickville, Saturday, Parklands Oval.
Blacktown United v Polonia, SUNDAY, Francis Park.
North Sydney Inter v Warringah, SUNDAY, North Sydney Oval.
Belmore v Guildford Wdrs, Saturday, Bick Oval.

Uni of NSW v Gladesville Hby, SUNDAY, David Phillips Field.

ROUND 4 — 8TH/9TH APRIL

Polonia v Revesby Workers, Saturday, Choplín Park.
Queens Park v Ku-Ring-Gai, SUNDAY, Erskineville Oval.
Marrickville v Uni of NSW, SUNDAY, Mackay Park.
Warringah v Blacktown United, SUNDAY, Graham Reserve.
Guildford Wdrs v North Sydney Inter, SUNDAY, Guildford Park.

Gladesville Hby v Belmore, Saturday, Morrison Bay Park.

ROUND 5 — 15TH/16TH APRIL

Revesby Workers v Warringah, SUNDAY, Milperra Reserve.
Ku-Ring-Gai v Polonia, SUNDAY, Parklands Oval.
Marrickville v Queens Park, SUNDAY, Mackay Park.
Blacktown United v Guildford Wdrs, SUNDAY, Francis Park.
North Sydney Inter v Gladesville Hby, Saturday, North Sydney Oval.

Uni of NSW v Belmore, Saturday, David Phillips Field.

ROUND 6 — 22ND/23RD APRIL

Guildford Wdrs v Revesby Workers, SUNDAY, Guildford Park.
Warringah v Ku-Ring-Gai, SUNDAY, Graham Reserve.
Polonia v Marrickville, SUNDAY, Choplín Park.
Queens Park v Uni of NSW, SUNDAY, Erskineville Oval.
Gladesville Hby v Blacktown United, Saturday, Morrison Bay Park.

Belmore v North Sydney Inter, Saturday, Bick Oval.

ROUND 7 — 29TH/30TH APRIL

Revesby Workers v North Sydney Inter, SUNDAY, Milperra Reserve.
Ku-Ring-Gai v Guildford Wdrs, Saturday, Parklands Oval.
Marrickville v Warringah, SUNDAY, Mackay Park.
Queens Park v Polonia, SUNDAY, Erskineville Oval.
Blacktown United v Belmore, SUNDAY, Francis Park.

Uni of NSW v North Sydney Inter, SUNDAY, David Phillips Field.

ROUND 10 — 20TH/21ST MAY

Manly Warringah v Granville P'matta, Saturday, Cromer Park.
Auburn v Sutherland Shire, SUNDAY, Mena Park.
Avala v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Knight Park.
Croatia Sydney v Toongabbie, Saturday.

Bankstown v Inter Monaro, SUNDAY, Soccer Centre.
Melita Eagles v Apla-Leichhardt, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Yugal v Arncliffe Scots, SUNDAY, Concord Oval.

ROUND 11 — 27TH/28TH MAY

Granville P'matta v Arncliffe Scots, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Sutherland Shire v Manly Warringah, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.
M'ville Olympic v Auburn, Saturday, Arlington Oval.
Toongabbie v Avala, SUNDAY, Girraween Park.

Inter Monaro v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.
Apla-Leichhardt v Bankstown, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.
Melita Eagles v Yugal, Saturday, Garside Park.

ROUND 12 — 3RD/4TH JUNE

Granville P'matta v Sutherland Shire, Saturday, Garside Park.
Manly Warringah v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Cromer Park.
Auburn v Toongabbie, Saturday, Mena Park.
Avala v Inter Monaro, SUNDAY, Knight Park.

Croatia Sydney v Apla-Leichhardt, SUNDAY.
Bankstown v Yugal, SUNDAY, Soccer Centre.
Arncliffe Scots v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 13 — 10TH/11TH JUNE

M'ville Olympic v Granville P'matta, Saturday, Arlington Oval.
Sutherland Shire v Arncliffe Scots, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.
Toongabbie v Manly Warringah, SUNDAY, Girraween Park.
Inter Monaro v Auburn, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.

Apla-Leichhardt v Avala, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.
Yugal v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Concord Oval.
Melita Eagles v Bankstown, SUNDAY, Garside Park.

ROUND 14 — TUESDAY 25TH APRIL

Granville P'matta v Toongabbie, Tuesday, Garside Park.
M'ville Olympic v Sutherland Shire, Tuesday, Arlington Oval.
Manly Warringah v Inter Monaro, Tuesday, Cromer Park.
Auburn v Apla-Leichhardt, Tuesday, Mena Park.

Yugal v Avala, Tuesday, Concord Oval.
Croatia Sydney v Melita Eagles, Tuesday.

Arncliffe Scots v Bankstown, Tuesday, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 15 — 24TH/25TH JUNE

Granville P'matta v Inter Monaro, Saturday, Garside Park.
Sutherland Shire v Toongabbie, Saturday, Seymour Shaw.
Arncliffe Scots v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Hurstville Oval.
Apla-Leichhardt v Manly Warringah, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.

Auburn v Yugal, SUNDAY, Mena Park.
Avala v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Knight Park.

Bankstown v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Soccer Centre.

ROUND 16 — 1ST/2ND JULY

Apla-Leichhardt v Granville P'matta, Saturday, Lambert Park.
Inter Monaro v Sutherland Shire, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.
Toongabbie v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Girraween Park.
Yugal v Manly Warringah, Saturday.

Melita Eagles v Auburn, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Bankstown v Avala, SUNDAY, Soccer Centre.

Croatia Sydney v Arncliffe Scots, SUNDAY.

ROUND 17 — 8TH/9TH JULY

Granville P'matta v Yugal, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Sutherland Shire v Apla-Leichhardt, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.
M'ville Olympic v Inter Monaro, Saturday, Arlington Oval.
Arncliffe Scots v Inter Monaro, Saturday, Hurstville Oval.

Manly Warringah v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Cromer Park.
Auburn v Bankstown, Saturday, Mena Park.

Avala v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Knight Park.

Round 18 — 15TH/16TH JULY.

Melita Eagles v Granville P'matta, SUNDAY, Garside Park.
Yugal v Sutherland Shire, SUNDAY, Concord Oval.

2nd DIVISION

Guildford Wdrs v Marrickville, Saturday, Guildford Park.

Warringah v Queens Park, SUNDAY, Graham Reserve.

Polonia v Uni of NSW, SUNDAY, Choplín Park.

North Sydney Inter v Blacktown United, Saturday, North Sydney Oval.

ROUND 9 — 16TH/17TH SEPTEMBER

Revesby Workers v North Sydney Inter, SUNDAY, Milperra Reserve.
Ku-Ring-Gai v Belmore, SUNDAY, Parklands Oval.

Marrickville v Gladesville Hby, Saturday, Mackay Park.
Queens Park v Guildford Wdrs, Saturday, Erskineville Oval.

Polonia v Warringah, SUNDAY, Choplín Park.
Uni of NSW v Blacktown, SUNDAY, David Phillips Field.

ROUND 10 — 20TH/21ST MAY

Blacktown United v Revesby Workers, Saturday, Francis Park.
North Sydney Inter v Ku-Ring-Gai, Saturday, North Sydney Oval.
Belmore v Marrickville, Saturday, Bick Oval.
Gladesville Hby v Queens Park, SUNDAY, Morrison Bay Park.

Guildford Wdrs v Polonia, SUNDAY, Guildford Park.
Warringah v Uni of NSW, SUNDAY, Graham Reserve.

ROUND 11 — 27TH/28TH MAY.

Revesby Workers v Uni of NSW, SUNDAY, Milperra Reserve.
Ku-Ring-Gai v Blacktown United, SUNDAY, Parklands Oval.

Marrickville v North Sydney Inter, SUNDAY, Mackay Park.
Queens Park v Belmore, SUNDAY, Erskineville Oval.

Polonia v Gladesville Hby, Saturday, Choplín Park.
Warringah v Guildford Wdrs, Saturday, Graham Reserve.

ROUND 12 — 3RD/4TH JUNE.

Ku-Ring-Gai v Revesby Workers, Saturday, Parklands Oval.
Marrickville v Blacktown United, SUNDAY, Mackay Park.

Queens Park v North Sydney Inter, SUNDAY, Erskineville Oval.
Polonia v Belmore, SUNDAY, Choplín Park.

Warringah v Gladesville Hby, Saturday, Graham Reserve.
Guildford Wdrs v Uni of NSW, SUNDAY, Guildford Park.

ROUND 13 — 10TH/11TH JUNE.

Revesby Workers v Polonia, SUNDAY, Milperra Reserve.
Uni of NSW v Ku-Ring-Gai, SUNDAY, David Phillips Field.

Blacktown United v Queens Park, SUNDAY, Francis Park.
North Sydney Inter v Polonia, Saturday, North Sydney Oval.

Belmore v Warringah, Saturday, Bick Oval.

Gladesville Hby v Guildford Wdrs, SUNDAY, Morrison Bay Park.

ROUND 14 — 25TH APRIL

Queens Park v Revesby Workers, TUESDAY, Erskineville Oval.

Marrickville v Ku-Ring-Gai, TUESDAY, Mackay Park.

Warringah v North Sydney Inter, TUESDAY, Graham Reserve.

Guildford Wdrs v Belmore, TUESDAY, Guildford Park.

Gladesville Hby v Uni of NSW, TUESDAY, Morrison Bay Park.

ROUND 15 — 24TH/25TH JUNE.

Revesby Workers v Polonia, SUNDAY, Milperra Reserve.

Ku-Ring-Gai v Queens Park, SUNDAY, Parklands Oval.

Apla-Leichhardt v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.

Inter Monaro v Toongabbie, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.

Bankstown v Manly Warringah, Saturday, Soccer Centre.

Croatia Sydney v Auburn, SUNDAY.

Avala v Arncliffe Scots, SUNDAY, Knight Park.

ROUND 19 — 22ND/23RD JULY.

Granville P'matta v Bankstown, SUNDAY, Garside Park.

Sutherland Shire v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.

M'ville Olympic v Yugal, Saturday, Arlington Oval.

Toongabbie v Apla-Leichhardt, SUNDAY, Girraween Park.

Arncliffe Scots v Inter Monaro, Saturday, Hurstville Oval.

Manly Warringah v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Cromer Park.

Auburn v Avala, SUNDAY, Mena Park.

ROUND 20 — 29TH/30TH JULY.

Croatia Sydney v Granville P'matta, SUNDAY.

Bankstown v Sutherland Shire, Saturday, Soccer Centre.

Melita Eagles v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Garside Park.

Olympic, SUNDAY, Garside Park.

Yugal v Toongabbie, Saturday.

Apla-Leichhardt v Inter Monaro, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.

Avala v Manly Warringah, SUNDAY, Knight Park.

Auburn v Arncliffe Scots, SUNDAY, Mena Park.

ROUND 21 — 5TH/6TH AUGUST.

Granville P'matta v Avala, SUNDAY, Garside Park.

Sutherland Shire v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.

M'ville Olympic v Bankstown, Saturday, Arlington Oval.

Toongabbie v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Girraween Park.

Inter Monaro v Bankstown, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.

Apla-Leichhardt v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.

Arncliffe Scots v Yugal, SUNDAY, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 24 — 26TH/27TH AUGUST

Sutherland Shire v Granville P'matta, SUNDAY, Seymour Shaw.

M'ville Olympic v Manly Warringah, Saturday, Arlington Oval.

Toongabbie v Auburn, SUNDAY, Girraween Park.

Inter Monaro v Avala, SUNDAY, Marco Polo Oval.

Apla-Leichhardt v Croatia Sydney, SUNDAY, Lambert Park.

Yugal v Bankstown, SUNDAY, Concord Oval.

Melita Eagles v Arncliffe Scots, SUNDAY, Garside Park.

ROUND 25 — 2ND/3RD SEPTEMBER

Granville P'matta v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Garside Park.

Arncliffe Scots v Sutherland Shire, Saturday, Hurstville Oval.

Manly Warringah v Toongabbie, SUNDAY, Cromer Park.

Auburn v Inter Monaro, SUNDAY, Mena Park.

Avala v Apla-Leichhardt, SUNDAY, Knight Park.

Croatia Sydney v Yugal

Bankstown v Melita Eagles, SUNDAY, Soccer Centre.

ROUND 26 — 9TH/10TH SEPTEMBER.

Arncliffe Scots v Granville P'matta, SUNDAY, Hurstville Oval.

Manly Warringah v Sutherland Shire, SUNDAY, Cromer Park.

Auburn v M'ville Olympic, SUNDAY, Mena Park.

Avala v Toongabbie, SUNDAY, Knight Park.

Croatia Sydney v Inter Monaro, SUNDAY.

Bankstown v Apla-Leichhardt, SUNDAY, Soccer Centre.

Yugal v Melita, SUNDAY, Concord Oval.

Uni of NSW v Marrickville, Saturday, David Phillips Field.

Blacktown United v Warringah, SUNDAY, Francis Park.

North Sydney Inter v Guildford Wdrs, SUNDAY, North Sydney Oval.

Belmore v Gladesville Hby, Saturday, Bick Oval.

ROUND 16 — 1ST/2ND JULY.

Warringah v Revesby Workers, SUNDAY, Graham Reserve.

Polonia v Ku-Ring-Gai, SUNDAY, Choplín Park.

Queens Park v Marrickville, Saturday, Erskineville Oval.

Guildford Wdrs v Blacktown United, SUNDAY, Guildford Park.

Gladesville Hby v North Sydney Inter, SUNDAY, Guildford Park.

Belmore v Uni of NSW, Saturday, Bick Oval.

ROUND 17 — 8TH/9TH JULY.

Revesby Workers v Guildford Wdrs, Saturday, Milperra Reserve.

Ku-Ring-Gai v Warringah, SUNDAY, Parklands Oval.

Marrickville v Polonia, SUNDAY, Mackay Park.

Uni of NSW v Queens Park, SUNDAY, David Phillips Field.

Blacktown United v North Sydney Inter, Saturday, Francis Park.

ROUND 20 — 29TH/30TH JULY.

North Sydney Inter v Revesby Workers, Saturday, North Sydney Oval.

Belmore v Ku-Ring-Gai, Saturday, Bick Oval.

Gladesville Hby v Marrickville, Saturday, Morrison Bay Park.

Guildford Wdrs v Queens Park, SUNDAY, Guildford Park.

Warringah v Polonia, SUNDAY, Graham Reserve.

Blacktown United v Uni of NSW, SUNDAY, Francis Park.

ROUND 21 5TH/6TH AUGUST.

Revesby Workers v Blacktown, SUNDAY, Milperra Reserve.

MONARO AIMS TO TAKE NSW TITLE

Canberra club Inter Monaro is deadly serious about its challenge for the NSW State League championship.

Monaro went to the expense of flying its players to Sydney for the Ampol Cup semi-final clash against Sutherland.

Monaro, which gained entry to the State League at the beginning of this season, has been working hard over the past two months to ensure it makes a big impact.

For the first time public relations and promotions officers have been appointed and a new grandstand is under construction, funded entirely by the club.

However, officials are concerned about the travel expenses that will be incurred this season.

Monaro has to play in Sydney every second week, which means a 190-mile trip in a hired bus. Sydney-based teams have to go to Canberra

only once or twice this season.

With this in mind, Inter Monaro is considering asking Rothmans, the sponsor of the State League, for special financial assistance.

Monaro has retained all of the players from last season's team which won the Australian Capital Territory championship, the Federation Cup and the main pre-season tournament for First Division teams.

Added to that squad are Tim O'Mayo, a centre-half from Granville, Charlie Proimja, a full-back from Yugal, and John Santolin from Griffith, who has played Third Division soccer in Italy.

Inter is negotiating with Tony Morosello and hopes to sign him soon.

CROATIA GETS 3 NEW MEN

Sydney Croatia, which had its 25-game unbeaten run, ended by Melita Eagles in the Ampol Cup, has signed three new players from England.

John Russell, a midfielder or winger, joins his brother Bobby at Croatia.

The other two imports, Mike Hanratty and Frank Leyden, were recommended to the club by Johnny Wignall, a Croatia player who spotted them while holidaying in England.

As well as losing its unbeaten record in the Melita game, Croatia also lost Steve MacDonald, who broke a leg. He will be in plaster for six to eight weeks.

THE NSW SCENE

with Kyle Patterson

Olympic boss quits

Andrew Vass, who has been with Marrickville Olympic for 17 years, has stepped down as president of the club because of business commitments.

The club is sad to see Vass leave as he was loyal and hard-working.

"Everyone in the club is thankful to Andrew for his efforts over the years," said coach John Xipolitas, "but he will be missed."

Frequent trips overseas as part of his employment have forced Vass to resign

his club post.

He has been replaced by Dr. Stavros Nikolakopoulos.

Although the club missed out on the finals of the Ampol Cup, the players are still enthusiastic and full of spirit.

"The attitude the players have now is good," said Xipolitas, "and it is the first time for several seasons that the team has been thinking like this."

"We're not promising anything, but the team will be putting in a full effort."



John Watkiss (rear) beats Chelsea left half Frank Upton in Australia's match against the visiting English team at the Sydney Showgrounds in the sixties.

Watkiss has come back

People in the Sutherland club were having wagers on how long veteran John Watkiss will stay in retirement.

The evergreen Sutherland coach, who won the Rothmans Medal for the best and fairest player in the NSW State League last season, is super fit, and so he played in Sutherland's Ampol Cup semi-final win over Monaro, and indeed it was only a short while before he got itchy feet.

With Watkiss, a former Soccerco, Sutherland's chances of winning the championship would increase overnight.

Sutherland already has a strong team, which includes Malcolm Haynes, the former Hakoah keeper, Craig Hall, the 1977 Sportsman's U-21 Player of the Year and promising youngsters Keith Schuman and John Bastfield.

Sutherland hopes to sign Peter Beggs from Wollongong City. However, Wollongong's expulsion from the State League has complicated the transfer of its players, and Beggs has taken his case to the NSW Soccer Federation.

He is after a free transfer from Wollongong to Sutherland.

Toongabbie's PSL-bound

Toongabbie believes in thinking big.

The newly-promoted NSW State League club wants to be in the Phillips League by 1982!

The club is in the second year of a five-year plan aimed at getting the club into the PSL and establishing one of the best grounds in NSW.

Highly unlikely you might think, but out Toongabbie way they are quietly confident of reaching their goal.

President George Woodcock believes there is great potential for soccer in the district.

"At present the club has 1600 members," he said, "but a scheme to bring more people into the club is being organised. This, added to the fact that Toongabbie is now in the State League, should lead to an increase in membership."

"Big support is the foundation when building up a club. Without a big following a club hasn't got the finance needed to expand."

"When our ground is finished the capacity will be something between 10,000 and 15,000," said Woodcock, "and it is no use having a big ground if you haven't the fans to fill it."

The new ground, which has yet to be named, is on the Seven Hills Road, Toongabbie. The club's licensed rooms are on the site, and the pitch will be built close by.

"Toongabbie will be one of the only clubs that have playing field and licensed clubrooms at the same place," said Woodcock.

The field has been bulldozed and graded and soon drainage pipes will be laid. A cyclone fence will be built, enclosing the site.

"We expect the ground to be ready for the start of the 1980 season," said Woodcock, "and we hope that floodlights will be installed as soon as possible after the opening."

A total of \$80,000 will be spent on changing rooms and toilet block.

The club has owned its site for 15 years, so it didn't have to buy at today's inflated prices.

Hopefully Toongabbie will succeed, as the trend today has been for clubs to stagnate and, in the case of Mooroolbark and Wollongong City, go sliding to obscurity.

Club for Manly

Manly-Warringah is planning to build a licensed club hut a site is still to be confirmed.

The club owns three acres of land, but the Warringah Council wants to make a swap, with the council taking the club's land in return for a more suitable site.

At this stage nothing has been finalised.

The club's Cromer Park ground is being improved and will soon have seating for 200.

Manly is banking on youth and all eyes will be on Roalie Roodeveldt, a midfielder with the goalkeeping touch.

Goalkeeper Chris Cassattari and defenders Bruce Doyle and John Dick, all of whom played in the State League under 21 team last season, are the pick of Manly's young brigade.

Avala worried

With the opening round of the NSW State League drawing closer, Avala is apprehensive about its ground situation.

The ground the club used last season doesn't come up to N.S.W. Soccer Federation standards and Avala has been searching for a new one for the past month.

The Fairfield council promised the club a ground but the two sites it had in mind will not be completed in time for the State League season.

Avala has gained Jim McGill from Toongabbie. McGill was

70th. birthday for City

The 1909 Prahran team that played in the first Dockety Cup competition, won by Carlton United.



Prahran's 1946 Dockety Cup-winning team, back row from left: E. Pouninje, J. Johnston, W. Tunn, A. Kerr, J. Hocking, E. Williams (all officials); middle row: R. Cousins, R. Stewart, L. Bird, A. Drennan, R. Taylor; front: K. Honey, S. Humphrey, W. Bates (captain), F. Jarvis, G. Vorston.



Prahran's 1971 Federation Cup-winning team, standing from left: J. McNeilly, D. Dick, C. Hobday, R. Sowerby, G. Sant, I. Joseph, M. Cabourne, K. Toombs, C. Seedy; front row: J. Graham, W. Radcliffe (captain), G. Ciamp, L. Gaal, F. Schul, P. Avent.

Now The Big N

Victorian Provisional League club Nunawading City has adopted the nickname "The Big N". Formed in 1972, Nunawading is expected to field first reserves, third, under 16 and 24 junior teams this season.

As well as 400 playing members, the club boasts nearly 200 financial voting members, which is a sign of the high community interest in Nunawading.

During 1978, The Big N will build \$50,000 clubrooms in conjunction with the Nunawading Cricket Club which is joint tenant on the site.

A planning permit has already been approved to provide a second storey to the existing pavilion, and tenders are expected to be called during March.

Nunawading has secured Peter Balassano as senior coach this year.

strikers to start the club on its upward climb to State League, while previous club juniors gain vital experience.

Any one interested in joining The Big N can contact club Secretary Don Parrott on 877 4930.

The fixture list for the Victorian Nubrick Challenge Shield is:

Sunday, March 12—Springvale v Waverley, kick-off 1 p.m.

Dandenong v Doveton, kick-off 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 19—Dandenong v Waverley, kick-off 1 p.m.

Springvale v Doveton, kick-off 3 p.m.

All games are at Noble Park Reserve, Moondream St, Noble Park.

Prahran City, one of the founder members of 'The Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association' in 1908, is now 70 years old. Of the founder clubs — Fitzroy Utd., Prahran, Williamstown, Carlton Utd., and St. Kilda—Prahran is the only survivor.

Prahran in fact dates back to 1881 when soccer was first played in Melbourne between Carlton Utd., Prahran, Melbourne Rovers and South Melbourne.

In 1884 the Anglo-Australian Football Association was formed with a grant from the F.A. of £50 and then progressed to become the V.A.S.F.A. in 1908.

Honors have consistently come to the Como Park Club over the years, some being:

1927 First Division champion.

1939 First Division champion.

1942 Dockety Cup winner.

1942 First Division champion.

1944 First Division champion.

1945 First Division champion.

1946 Dockety Cup winner.

1947 Harry Armstrong Cup winner.

1968 Third Division champion.

1969 Second Division champion.

1971 Federation Cup winner.

Prahran City is now in the V.S.F. Metropolitan Third Division.

Over the past three years City has finished in the top four every year, the closest being in 1976 when it missed promotion by four goals, finishing equal second to Eltham.

The club wishes to thank all the administrators and supporters over the years. Familiar names to many include:

Walter Tunn (a member for 30 years).

Jack Halley (life member).

Stan Graham (life member).

Colin Seedy (life member).

Norm Kitley (Curator of Como Park for more than 20 years).

The committee for the 70th year is: president, Peter Crawley; secretary, Charles Hobday; treasurer, Paul Hovew; publicity officer, Peter Richardson; committee members, Bill McCloud and Joe Koba.

Prahran runs its own competition with the backing of the V.S.F. called the Como Cup which is now in its 10th year, a sign that Prahran City will still be around in 1981 to celebrate its 100th year of existence.



BILLY RAE



SERGE TRIBUZZIO

Melbourne signs Rae, Tribuzzio

Melbourne, preparing for its first season in the Victorian Second Division, has strengthened its team by signing Billy Rae and Serge Tribuzzio from Albion Rovers.

It is the lowest division the Hungarian club has played in after being in the State League for decades until 1975, when it was relegated to the First Division.

Under the experienced Ken Kontra, former Slavia and Victorian coach, Melbourne has a good chance of bouncing straight back into the First Division.

Rae, who played in the State League with Hakoah, and Tribuzzio, are vital additions to the Melbourne team.

Along with Steve Jurina, who came to Melbourne from Hungary, the two ex-Albion men will add experience and consistency to Melbourne's young team.

"We are having a solid build-up to the League season," said Kontra, "and I am confident we will do well."

"The players are responding to the training and everyone is in good spirits."

Unfortunately, brilliant young striker Stuart Fowler wants a transfer and George Kotaridis, one of Melbourne's best players last season, has not reported for training.

David Hull is unavailable for three months as his employers have transferred him to Canberra and Peter Minihaly is still recovering from a knee injury.

Minihaly had to have a cartilage operation after last season's Winfield Cup final, which Melbourne lost to Waverley.

Kontra is still looking for a back-up keeper for 16-year-old Ernie Toth.

He has Charlie Szabo, a keeper who has great potential, but he doesn't want to rush him into the senior ranks preferring to keep him in the U/16.

Pinakos on transfer



Striker Bill Pinakos (pictured) is on the transfer list at Park Rangers.

Pinakos, formerly with Slavia, wants to try his luck in a higher division.

AGE WINS

South Melbourne Hellas under 16s met senior opposition recently but lost by only 4-6 to Industrial League team The Age.

Zotos Zerbilas, G. Vassiliadis and J. Zerbilas were best for Hellas.

Good Age players were Moran, Steinert, McLaughlin and

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ZIKA NIKOLIC



Na početku ovogodišnje sezone J.U.S.T. je obradovao svoje navijače vrednom i zaslužnom pobjedom nad Adelaide City-om sa 1:0 (1:0) utakmica je igra na Adelaidi pred 5000 gledalaca, među kojima je bilo dosta "plavih" navijača iz ovog grada, ali i Geelonga i Melbournea. Magičan polik "pla-vi... pla-vi" manje se čuo nego "ju-ve... ju-ve", ali samo na početku igre ili do 29. minuta, kada se zaustavio Juventusova igra. Mogla je ranije, ali Dragan Vasic nije bio spreman u 5. minutu na pet metara pred praznim golom. Suti-rao je levom, jer mu je desna povredjena, pa je preacio preku za citavih 20 metara.

Trener Ceda Cirkovic je bio na mukama. Poveo ju u Adelaidu 10 zdravih i 3 povredjena igraca. Sekretar JUST-a Hary Iser zbog toga nije posao na put, jer se verovno da ce se Cirini momci vratiti kući sa vrecom punom golova. Medjutim, skoro da se nije dogodilo suprotno. Pravo je cudo kako je Juventus izbegao katastrofu, jer su Ristovski, Nicolaides i Parrott bili vise puta sami pred golmanom, ali nisu bili dovoljno pribrani i snalazljivi da zatresu protivniku mrežu.

Jedini gol, koji je JUST-u doneo doneo zaslužnu pobjedu, postigao je John Nicolaides posta je napravio skijali slalom kroz protivničku odbranu i sutrao onda kada je bio najsigurniji da ce pogoditi mrežu.

Dragan Vasic je morao jos da se odmara, jer mu se povreda pogorsala, pa je Cirkovic uveo u igru isto tako povredjenog Johna Martina, koji se bolje snasao.

Velika vrucina, preko 28 stepeni, vise je smetala domacem timu nego gostima. O'Hara je debitovao sa izvanrednim uspehom. Bio je nezaposlen u prom poluvremenu, ali je posle odmora nekoliko puta pokazao svoju visoku klasu.

Obavida beka su skoro nepreparni. Parrott je pravio uspesne izlete, pa se umalo nije upisao u strelce, dok je Kazi osvojio svaku akciju najboljeg igraca domaceg tima. Andrew Kazi se oporostio od nogometa na kraju prosle godine, ali se vratio dok JUST ne dobije pristojnu zamenu. Kondarios je bio gospodar vazduha, dok je Zoran Illoski bio inicijator svake usesne akcije "plavih".

DAVID PORTV GOLLJATA

Ponovila se bibilska priča. Pet patuljaka iz JUST-ove navale igrali su sta su hteli i iznervovali u Juventusovoj odbrani. Jedino kada se ugovlo došlo je u pomoć Kondariosu, majstor za visoke lopte. Kao za inat svi korneri su bili tereeni po zemlji.

Najbolji u navali su bili John Nicolaides i Joe Palinkas, koji su igrali dugo cigre i stali u vatru Picioana i Ristovskog idealnim pasovima.

Iduce nedelje je JUST opet gost. Odlazi u daleki Brisbane, cija mu klima odgovara, pa se treba nadati slicnoj igri.

SENZACIJA ZA LJUBITELJE SPORTA

Tek trecu utakmicu ovogodišnje sezone Australije J.U.S.T. igra kod kuće, ali samo na početku. Ustavni "plavi" ce biti gosti na proslavi 100 godisnjice Fitzroy Football (Austalian Rules) kluba na St. Kilda stadionu, gde ce igrati protiv Marconija iz Sidneja. Utakmica pocinje u 1 sat po podne. Nista to ne bi bilo cudno, kada pre toga, na istom terenu pri pred istom publikom ne bi igrali dva vodeca kluba iz Melbourn, a posle toga dva cuvena tima iz Sidneja ragbi. Morate priznati da je to senzacija prve vrste na sportskom planu. O tome cemo pisati vise u iducem broju "Soccer Action".

NEOCEKIVAN PORAZ MAKEDONIEU

Maratonska utakmica protiv Sunshine City-a isrpala je vise zivcano nego fizicki igrace Makedonije, pa su protiv Albina igrali bez cilja i smisla. Medjutim, slicna malaksalost ne sme da se ponovi iduce petka uvece protiv Slavije na Oympic Parku, jer bi onda dosao oprostad. Ampol Kupa u Kome je Makedonija pokazala najbolju formu, jer su pocetku, Osvajanje Ampol Kupa bi uvelicalo svecano otvaranje novog igralista na koje je pozvan JUST da odigra prijateljsku utakmicu sa Makedonijom. Essendon/Croatia je postigla centvru zastopnu pobjedu protiv glavnog suparnika Juventusa, pa je i prakticno usla u polufinale Ampol Kupa.

DOCKERTY CUP

Cetiri nas kluba su se plasirala u drugo kolo Dockerty Kupa, dok je Inter iz Williamstowna nestretno iskop izvođenjem jedanaesterca. Utakmica South Oakleigh — Inter završila se sa rezultatom 2:2 posle produžetka od pola sata, pa su odlucio udarci sa bele tacke. Milosavljevic je promasio, a Nodilo pogodio golmana. U regularnom vremenu golove za Inter su postigli Milorad Milosavljevic i Luj Bulj.

U Footscray-u je JUST pobjedom Pelistera sa 3:1 (1:1), zahvaljujući boljoj kondiciji. Strelci: Vlatko Belic 2 i Hatvani za JUST, C. Apostolovski za Pelister iz Pascoe Valesa.

Vojvodina je tek u drugom poluvremenu pobjedila industrijski klub Diecraft sa 4:2 (0:0), za koji isto tako igraju nasi momci. Strelci iz Vojvodine iz Wilstone: Zoran Todorski 2, Slobodan Dimitrović i Paul Galla po jedan.

PEGASUS je takodje u toku utakmice Watsonsa sa 4:2 zreljom igrom na sredini terena. Strelci: Sabljak 2, Fus i Pavlovic po jedan. Sastav Pegasus: Kurjan 6, T. Placko 6, Harris 6, Petelinsek 7, J. Moorie 6, Stanovic 7, Clansy 6, Sabljak 7, Fus 7, Pavlovic 8, Ovar 7.

Drugi jugoslovenski industrijski klub TARAX je igrao prijateljsku utakmicu protiv Siemens, da bi pokazao drugom timu JUST-a kako se daju golovi. Pobjedili su zasluženo sa 6:0 (3:0). Najbolji je bio Frink Mico, koji je igrao samo jedno poluvreme, tek toliko da pokaze svima "kako jos uvijek moze igrati za solde". Miladen Kresinger 3, Milos Adamovic 2 i Dragana Pantic 1.

Najbolji za Siemens je bio Spasilo Mitrovic, koji je posle 4 godine igranja za Tarax promenio klubsku boju. Iduce nedelje Tarax igra u 10 sati na Monash University protiv United Crescent. U ovom meču igraju CENTRAL ALTONA i UNDEN iz ceteri nas kluba su se plasiralo u drugo kolo Dockerty Kupa, posle lepru igre u gostima protiv Nunawasinga, koji je pobjedom sa 10:1 (0:0) jedini gol je postigao Kole Tundwa svih 35 minuta.

Juniori JUST-a su pobjedom Hissala ubedljivo dva puta proste nedelje. Tim ispod 15 godina je dobio sa velikom rezultatom 11:1. Strelci: Robert Edger, 4. Dragan Dejanovic, 4. Strelci: Haymas 2 i Lube Talevski 1. Ispod 17 su pobjedili sa 4:2. Robert Deger, star 15 godina, postigao je svu gol za JUST.

Iduce subote JUST-ov tim ispod 16 godina igra protiv Hakoana ispod godina na Middle Park. HAKOAH proslavlja 50 godisnjicu sportskog rada u Melbournu.



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Runner-up '38, '54

Hungary's previous World Cup campaigns:

1930 (In Uruguay): Did not compete.

1934 (In Italy): qualifying games: v. Bulgaria 4-1, 4-1; first round of finals: v. Egypt 4-2; quarter-finals: v. Austria 1-2.
Hungary used: A. Szabo, Futo, Szabber, Palotas, Szucs, Lazar, Markos, Vincze, Teleki, Toldi, F. Szabo, Vago, Szalay, Avar, Dr. Sarosi, Kemeny.

1938 (In France): qualifying games: v. Greece 11-1; first round of finals: v. Dutch East Indies 6-0; quarter-finals: v. Switzerland 2-0; semi-finals: v. Sweden 5-1; final: v. Italy 2-4.
Teams in final

Hungary: Szabo, Polgar, Biro, Szalay, Szucs, Lazar, Sas, Vincze, Dr. Sarosi (1 goal), Zsengeller, Titkos (1).
(In earlier finals games Hungary also used: Koranyi, Turaj, Toldi, Kohut, Hada, Balogh).

Italy: Olivieri, Foni, Rava, Serantoni, Andreolo, Locatelli, Biavati, Meazza, Piola (2), Ferrari, Colaussi (2).

1950 (In Brazil): Did not compete.

1954 (In Switzerland): Qualified from European Group Seven, after withdrawal of Poland; Group Two of finals: v. South Korea 9-0, v. West Germany 8-3, quarter-finals: v. France 2-2, semi-finals: v. Uruguay 4-2, a.e.t.; final: v. West Germany 2-3.
Teams in the final:

Hungary: Grosics, Buzansky, Lantos, Bozsik, Lorant, Zakarias, Czibor (1), Kocsis, Hidegkuti, Puskas (1), M. Toth. (In earlier finals games Hungary had also used: Budai, Palotas, J. Toth, Szojka, Budai II).

West Germany: Turek, Pospal, Kohnmeier, Eckel, Liebrich, Mal, Rahn (2), Morlock (1), O. Walter, F. Walter, Schaefer.

1958 (In Sweden): Qualifying games: v. Norway 1-2, 5-0; v. Bulgaria 4-1, 2-1; Group Three of finals: v. Wales 1-1, 1-2; v. Sweden 1-2; v. Mexico 4-0.
Hungary used: Grosics, Matrai, Sipos, Sarosi, Bozsik, Kotasz, Budai, Bencsik, Ruzsasz, Tichy, Fenyvesi, Iku, Szojka, Hidegkuti, Sandor, Berendi.

1962 (In Chile): qualifying games: v. East Germany 2-0, 3-2; v. Holland 3-0, 3-3; Group Four of finals: v. England 2-1; v. Bulgaria 6-1; v. Argentina 0-0; quarter-finals: v. Czechoslovakia 0-1.

Hungary used: Grosics, Matrai, Meszoly, Sarosi, Solymosi, Sipos, Sandor, Rakosi, Albert, Tichy, Fenyvesi, Kuharszki, Gorocs, Monostori, Iku.

1966 (In England): qualifying games: v. Malta 1-0, 3-0; v. East Germany 1-1, 3-2; Group Three of finals: v. Portugal 1-3; v. Brazil 3-1; v. Bulgaria 3-1; quarter-finals: v. USSR 1-2.

Hungary used: Gelei, Kaposzta, Szepesi, Meszoly, Matrai, Sipos, Nagy, Bene, Albert, Frakas, Rakosi, Matasz, Szentmihalyi, Sovari.

1970 (In Mexico): qualifying games: v. Czechoslovakia 2-0, 3-3; v. Eire 2-1, 4-0; v. Denmark 2-3, 3-3; play-off to decide group winner: v. Czechoslovakia 1-4.

1974 (In West Germany): qualifying games: v. Malta 2-0, 3-0; v. Sweden 0-0, 3-3; v. Austria 2-2, 2-2.

Marksmen

Hungary's goalscorers in World Cup finals series:

1934: 2 Toldi; 1 Vincze, Teleki, Dr. Sarosi.
1938: 7 Zsengeller, 4 Dr. Sarosi, 2 Titkos, 1 Toldi, Kohut.

1954: 11 Kocsis; 4 Puskas, Hidegkuti; 3 Szibor, 2 Lantos, Palotas, 1 Toth II.

1958: 4 Tichy, 1 Bozsik, Bencsik, Sandor.
1962: 4 Albert, 3 Tichy, 1 Solymosi.
1966: 4 Bene, 2 Meszoly, 1 Farkas.

Groupings for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina this year:

GROUP ONE
Argentina
Italy
Hungary
France

GROUP TWO
West Germany
Poland
Mexico
Tunisia

GROUP THREE
Brazil
Sweden
Austria
Spain

GROUP FOUR
Holland
Scotland
Iran
Peru

MAGYARS MIGHT AGAIN THANKS TO THE MIRACLE MAN

By Laurie Schwab

Lajos Baroti first became Hungarian national team manager in 1957. The following year, he took the Mighty Magyars to the World Cup finals in Sweden. In Chile in 1962 and in England in 1966, they reached the quarter-finals.

Then Baroti stepped down and Hungary slipped backwards.

In the qualifying series for the 1970 World Cup, Hungary lost 2-3 to Denmark and, in play-off to determine the group winner, crashed 1-4 to Czechoslovakia.

Hungary also failed to qualify for the 1974 finals. Although it remained unbeaten in its six games, it failed to score enough goals against lowly Malta and was thus tipped out on goal average.

Having twice seen their once-great team fail to reach the final 16, Hungarian FA officials swung into action.

Their first move, in 1957, was to call back Lajos Baroti as national team manager.

Two years later, Hungary had returned to the ranks of the elite by qualifying for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

No wonder, they call 64-year-old Baroti the "Miracle Worker."

His achievement is all the more amazing in that Hungary's players were not given, nor promised a cent during the qualifying series.

Baroti says: "Money did not come into it. We told the players they would not be any bonus payments for the World Cup matches. If we did qualify, there might be some recognition of their achievement, but that was all. After that time, not one of the players mentioned money because they obviously realised that they owed a debt to Hungarian football."

Baroti's style has been to disregard club form and rather to pick players on their showing in the cherry-red jerseys of Hungary.

"When I picked my team, I told the players I tried to see and in turn I expect them to have faith in me," Baroti says. "There might be better individual players in Hungary but the current national side is basically a team in the real sense of the word. I assured the players during the qualifying series that they did not have to play for their places; as long as they performed reasonably well, they would be selected."

Another factor in the improvement of Hungary was the greater emphasis placed throughout the country on technical development and fitness. Spot checks were made on club players to test their overall physical condition, with the threat that if they failed to come up to the requirements, their registrations would be temporarily withdrawn and their "allowances" stopped.

Standards for national squad members were set higher and they were required to work harder than other players.

The ambitious aim of getting Hungary into the finals was made possible also by the emergence of a small group of "soccer freaks" in the Hungarian league.

Best of them is Andras Totok, the 22-year-old Ujpest Dozsa forward, who can be quite sensational but also unpredictable.



Argentina '78



Hungary's top striker Bela Vadar.

Some already call him the new Puskas.

The other Hungarian super-star is Tibor Nyilas, 22, the Ferencvaros midfielder. He is a brilliant footballer but his career has twice been interrupted — once by a serious head injury and last year by an emergency appendicectomy operation which stopped him from playing in the 3-2 victory over Bolivia in La Paz.

Nevertheless, Nyilas remains one of the team's top scorers and potentially a sensation in Argentina.

Some critics regard Honved's 27-year-old midfielder Sandor Pinter to be better than both Nyilas and Torocsik. Pinter may not have the same frills but he runs non-stop for 90 minutes, and he runs to good purpose.

We must also give prominence to Bela Vadar, 24, the striker from Vasas.

With 36 league goals last season, he was second only to Dudu Georgescu of Rumania among Europe's First Division marksmen.

Captain of Hungary is Laszlo Farkas, 30, of Ujpest, who has represented his country about 70 times. Other veterans include forward Laszlo Pusztai, 31, and centre back Laszlo Balint, 29, both of Ferencvaros. Balint, former Hungarian captain, is now second choice to Honved's Istvan Kocsis, 28.

Hungary's initial qualifying rounds were against USSR and Greece. Having won that group, it had to play off against Bolivia, winning 6-0 in Budapest and 3-2 in La Paz to reach the finals.

Hungary lost 0-2 to the USSR in Tbilisi after having beaten the Russians 2-1 in Budapest, but the loss was immaterial, as Russia had ruined its chances by losing 0-1 to Greece in Athens.

Hungary's most impressive results in non-World Cup

the last sixteen

games last year were: 2-1 v. Poland, 2-0 v. Czechoslovakia, 4-3 v. Yugoslavia and 3-0 v. Sweden.

However, there were also some disastrous results — a 0-0 draw with Honduras, a 1-1 draw with Mexico and a 1-0 loss to Argentina on Hungary's South American tour.

The Argentina result is the most significant, as Argentina is one of Hungary's opponents in Group One of the finals. It is the strongest of the four groups, as it also contains Italy and France.

To qualify from that group, Hungary will have to play as well as its legendary predecessors, the Mighty Magyars of 1938 and of the fifties.

It's an interesting comparison that in the 1938 qualifying games Hungary trooped Greece 11-1 (with Gyula Zsengeller scoring five) whereas last year Hungary managed only a 1-1 draw with the Greeks and a 3-0 win.

Zsengeller scored seven goals in the 1938 series in Italy, but Hungary lost the final 2-4 to the home country.

The next milestone for Hungarian soccer was its Wembley triumph in 1953. On November 25 of that year, the unknown Hungarians lined up against mighty England, which was unbeaten in international matches.

England's team was: Gil Merrick; Alf Ramsey, Bill Eckersley; Billy Wright, Harry Johnston, Jimmy Dickinson; Stan Matthews, Ernie Taylor, Stan Mortensen, Jackie Sewell, George Robb.

Hungary lined up with: Grosics; Buzansky, Lantos; Bozsik, Lorant, Zakarias; Budai, Kocsis, Hidegkuti; Puskas, Czibor — unforgettable names, all of them.

They had won the Olympic Games soccer series of 1952 but were unknown to most of the 100,000 people who turned up at Wembley.

Nandor Hidegkuti started the slaughter of England by scoring from outside the box with an angled shot in the first minute.

England equalised, but then came three Hungarian goals in quick succession — by Hidegkuti, Ferenc Puskas, and Puskas again.

The match ended with Hungary winning 6-3.

For the return match in Budapest, Hungary was managed by English manager Walter Winterbottom was given a younger, faster team by the FA selection committee.

However, the team lost 0-1 to Yugoslavia on the way to Budapest where it was crushed 7-1 by the Magyars.

the air, will to win and fighting spirit. Instead of playing real football, England developed what the renowned journalist Eric Battall calls "light-ball".

Of the famous 1953 players, Bozsik achieved a century of caps, while Grosics, his colleague at torped, reached 89. Ferenc Puskas, the "Galloping Major", with the lethal left foot, played 84 times for Hungary and added caps for Spain when he joined Real Madrid. He has since coached in many countries.

All these stars and more were in the Hungarian squad that got a free berth in the 1954 World Cup finals in Switzerland after Poland withdrew.

Hungary quickly established itself as the favorite for the Cup, beating South Korea 9-0 and then mighty West Germany 8-3. Next to fall were Brazil (4-2) and Uruguay (4-2). Sandor Kocsis was scoring goals galore and no-one doubted that Hungary would beat Germany in the final.

However, Hungary's 8-3 win over the Germans in the group match had created a false impression, for in that game, the Germans fielded a team that bore little resemblance to the strong line-up that came out for the final.

Kwiatkowski, Bauer, Mebus, Platt and Herrmann, who had all played in the first game, were out of the German team by the time of the final. Replacing them were stars Turek, Mai, Morlock, O. Walter and Schaefer.

Hungary held its own until half time when the score was 2-2, but Helmut Rahn's second goal for Germany decided the game.

In Sweden in 1958, Hungary was eliminated after 1-1 losses to Wales and Sweden, but in Chile in 1962, the Magyars advanced to the quarter-finals where they lost 1-2 to Czechoslovakia. Earlier, they had beaten England 2-1.

A prominent member of the 1962 team was forward Florian Albert, who was in Australia a few years ago when Ferencvaros, first capped at 17, Albert had also been in Hungary's Olympic Games team of 1962.

Big Erno Solymosi was another good player for Hungary in 1962. A Budapest policeman, he was with the 1962 team, but played either in midfield or defence.

In England in 1966, Hungary had a memorable 3-1 victory over Brazil to again reach the quarter-finals, where it lost 1-2 to the USSR. Kalmes Meszoly and Ferenc Bene were among the stars in England.

A strong centre back or midfielder from Vasas Meszoly was so good in the air that he was often compared in this respect with the prince of headers, Sandor Kocsis.

Bene had been leading scorer in the Tokyo Olympics, where Hungary won the soccer championship. This brilliant Ujpest inside forward scored four goals in the 1966 England series.

Hungary's most infamous World Cup match was the quarter-final it won 4-2 against Brazil in 1954. It is still referred to as the "Battle of Bern" because two Brazilians and one Hungarian were sent off and a penalty was awarded to each side. The way the Hungarians did, many club managers emphasised the traditional British qualities: speed, strength, stamina, ability in



The prince of headers, Sandor Kocsis, who scored 11 goals in the 1954 World Cup finals in Switzerland.



The great Ferenc Puskas, who also played for Spain after he went there to join Real Madrid.



Ferenc Bene — top Hungarian forward in England in 1966.



Florian Albert beats Springett, with Armfield (left) racing up, to give Hungary a 2-1 victory over England in the 1962 World Cup in Chile.



Three of Hungary's all-time greats, from left: Gyula Grosics, Nandor Hidegkuti and Sandor Kocsis.



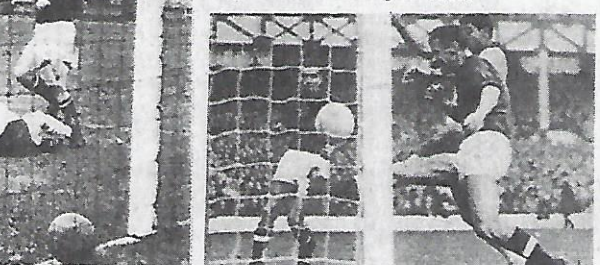
Janos Farkas raises his arms in triumph after having scored Hungary's second goal in the 3-1 victory over Brazil in 1966. The Brazilian in the background is Djalmar Santos.



The Hungary team lines up in Budapest on September 5, 1965, for its World Cup qualifying game against Austria. Hungary won 3-0 to advance to the finals in England. Pictured, from left: referee, Sipos, Gelei, Meszoly, Matrai, Ihasz, Farkas, Fister, Fenyvesi, Mathecz, Albert, Bene.



Goalkeeper Grosics, who played in the 1954, 1958 and 1962 World Cup finals, makes a save in Hungary's 6-3 victory over England at Wembley in 1953.



Sipos (left) and Szepesi defend desperately during Hungary's 3-1 victory over Brazil in the 1966 World Cup.

How they got there

Hungary's qualifying programme:
October 9, 1976 in Athens: Greece 1 (Papaiouannou) Hungary 1 (Kerekli), crowd: 25,000.
Hungary team: Kovacs, Torok (Nagy), Balint, Keteke, J. Toth, Nyilasi, Ebedli, Pinter, Pusztai (Magyar), Fazekas, Varadi.

April 30, 1977 in Budapest: Hungary 2 USSR 1, crowd 70,000.

May 18, 1977 in Tbilisi: USSR 2 (Bruiak, Blokhin) Hungary 0, crowd: 70,000.

May 28, 1977 in Budapest: Hungary 3 (Pusztai, Nyilasi, Fazekas) Greece 0, crowd: 70,000.

Hungary team: Gujdar, Martos, Balint, Toth, Nyilasi, Pinter, Zombori (Torok 74th), Pusztai, Kovacs (Fazekas 64th), Varadi.

Greece: Constantinou, Kirastas (Eleftherakis 70th), Nicolau, Firos, Josifidis, Terzanidis, Koudas, Anastasiadis, Papaiouannou, Arzioglou, Antoniadis.

Other results in the group (European Group Nine): USSR 2 Greece 0; Greece 1 USSR 0.

Final table:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hungary	2	1	1	6	4	5
USSR	2	0	2	5	3	5
Greece	1	1	2	2	6	3

Europe/South America play-off:

October 29, 1977 in Budapest:

HUNGARY 6 (Nyilasi, Torocsik, Zombori, Varadi, Pinter, Nagy) BOLIVIA 0.

Hungary team: Gujdar, Martos, Kocsis, Kerekli, J. Toth, Nyilasi, Pinter, Zombori, Fazekas (Nagy), Torocsik, Varadi.

November 11, 1977 in La Paz:

BOLIVIA 2 (Aragones 2 incl. penalty) HUNGARY 3 (Torocsik, Halasz, Dallano own goal).

Hungary team: Gujdar, Martos, Kocsis, Kerekli, J. Toth, Halasz, Pinter, Zombori, Fazekas (Pusztai 67th), Torocsik, Varadi (L. Nagy 67th).

Hungary's top 22

Hungary's 40-man World Cup squad (to be reduced to 18 in May) is:

FERNCVAROS (7): Martos, Balint, Rab, Nyilasi, Pusztai, Ebedli, Magyar.

VASAS (7): Meszaros, Torok, Zombori, Orszaghi, Varadi, Kovacs, Izso.

HONVED (6): Gujdar, Parocsai, Kocsis, A. Nagy, Lucacs, Pinter.

UJPEST (6): Z. Toth, J. Toth, A. Toth, Fazekas, Torocsik, L. Nagy.

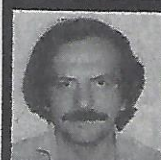
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TATABANYA (4): Kiss, Halasz, Csapo, P. Nagy.

MTK-VM (2): Varga, Borso.

HALADAS (2): Kerekli, L. Kovacs.

BEKESCSABA (2): Kerekas, Pasztor.



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Στην Μελβούρνη ή Μέγας άν και σέ ώρισμένους τομείς δέν πήγε καλά, θά μπορούσε νά είχε μία πιο επιθετική νίκη άν δέν τόν συνόδευε ή άτυχία πού του έδωσε δύο δοκάρια, και άν οι παίκτες του ήταν πιο αποτελεσματικοί στην τελική φάση της επιθέσεως.



Παρ' όλα αυτά ή Μέγας έδειξε ότι θά είναι και φέτος μία από τις πρωταγωνίστριες ομάδες, άρκει νά δοθεί ή κατάλληλη προσοχή και νά καλυφθούν όριαμένα κενά. Πάντως ή Μέγας έκανε μία πρωτοτυπία στο φετινό πρωτάθλημα. Έκανε πολλά σουτ. Κάτι πού άρχισε τελευταία νά γίνεται πολύ σπάνιο στα γήπεδα της Αυστραλίας. Και όταν μιλάμε για μικρό όριμο φιλάθλων στα γήπεδα, ίσως τά σουτ τά γκόλ και τό καλό θέαμα νά μεγαλώσουν και πάλι αυτόν τόν άριθμό.

Η 'Ελλάς Μελβούρνης θά πρέπει νά χαρακτηριστεί ή ομάδα της ήμέρας. Μπήκε στο πρωτάθλημα έντυπωσιακά με μία επιθετική νίκη επί της Σαίντ Τζωρτζς στο Σύννευ και δέν νομίζουμε ότι ύπάρχει πιο κατάλληλη στιγμή για νά άναπνευστεί τό ύλικό του Συλλόγου. Ήταν μία νίκη με ιδιαίτερη σημασία. Ήταν τό θεμέλιο αίσιοδοξίας για μία καλύτερη χρονιά στο πρωτάθλημα.

Η 'Ελλάς στα χρόνια του Στέπτ Λήγκ ήταν ή καλύτερη ομάδα και οι αντίπαλοί της ήταν τις περισσότερες φορές μία - δύο κλάσεις κατώτεροι. Στην έθνική κατηγορία υπάρχουν αντίπαλοι κατώτεροι, ίσοι, άκόμη και άνώτεροι κι' αυτό κάνει τις υποχρέώσεις τς ομάδος για επιδίωξη άκόμη μεγαλύτερες. Τώρα ή 'Ελλάς έχει αντίπαλους και κάθε νίκη της έχει μεγαλύτερη αίσλη άπ' ότι στο παρελθόν.



Η άποστολή όλων είναι νά φτιάξουν καλύτερη ομάδα. Τουλάχιστον καλύτερη από τό περσινό έρείπιό. Δέν θά πιαστούμε από τά νικη για νά πούμε ότι ή 'Ελλάς έγινε υπερομάδα.

Μπορούμε όμως νά πούμε ότι άρχισε νά ξαναβρίσκει τό χαμένο ηέχο της. Από κει και πέρα ή πορεία της είναι στα χέρια των παικτών, του προπονητού και γενικά τό Συλλόγου.

Άπό τις τέσσερις λοιπόν Έλληνικές ομάδες πού έχουμε στο έθνικό πρωτάθλημα, ή Μελβούρνη (ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ) προχώρησαν, ή Άδελαιδα (ΕΛΛΑΣ) έκανε σημειώτων και τό Σύννευ (ΟΛΥΜΠΙΚ) έμεινε πίσω.

Αυτά όμως για τήν αρχή. Τό πρωτάθλημα έχει και συνέχεια.

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ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Edmund Kreft

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v **CANBERRA CITY**
at Bruce Stadium (Canberra), Sunday, 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD, 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boeqheim, (07) 372 2891

COACH: B. Daykin

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue stripe

This week's match: v **EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH**
at Wentworth Park (Sydney), Sunday, 3 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: D. Ford

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

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This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at Perry Park
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CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 7, Canberra A.C.T. 2600

SECRETARY: H.G. Leslie bus (062) 81 1313

COACH: J. Warren

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** Ford

This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at
Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 2.30pm.



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: L. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)
663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe, N.S.W. Phone (02) 660 7431

SPONSOR: Sport Fashions

This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS**
at Wentworth Park (Sydney), Sunday, 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park on Schintler Reserve

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MANAGER: T. Boggi

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne.
(03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel

This week's match: v **MARCONI**
at Marconi Oval (Sydney), Sunday, 3 pm.



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico

This week's match: v **FITZROY UNITED**
at Marconi Oval (Bossley Park), Sydney, Sunday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE K.B. UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
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This week's match: v **WESTERN SUBURBS**
at Englefield Stadium, Dural (Sydney), Sunday, 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: I. Takacs

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green

This week's match: v **WEST ADELAIDE**
at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide), Sunday 2.30 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64,
ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus. (03) 211 1247

MANAGER: D. MacLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIC**
at Middle Park, (Melbourne), Sunday, 3 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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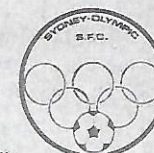
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COACH: T. Anderson

GROUND: Erskinvill Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskinvill

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This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE**
at Middle Park (Melbourne), Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311

COACH: J. Margaritis

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

This week's match: v **ST. GEORGE**
at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide), Sunday, 2.30 pm.



WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED**
at Englefield Stadium (Dural), Sydney, Sunday, 3 pm.

